



ROUND-UP

A weekly digest of happenings
in the Sons of The American Legion

Next Goal

100%

May 17, 2023

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16 youth-serving nonprofits receive nearly \$800,000 in CWF grants

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In its 68th year, the American Legion Child Welfare Foundation has awarded 17 grants to 16 nonprofits totaling \$797,251. The recipients were selected during the annual meeting of the CWF board of directors that met in Indianapolis on Sunday, May 7. These grants have been awarded to support youth-serving projects that seek to enhance the lives of children by

addressing their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The following is a summary of the grants awarded for 2023:

Alabama Rens Basketball Club of Huntsville, Ala., was awarded \$9,130 for its project “Alabama Rens Basketball Youth Club.” The grant will use basketball to encourage personal and athletic development and growth. Through mentoring and basketball, youth will learn and develop critical life skills.

American Kidney Fund of Rockville, Md., was awarded \$25,000 for its project “American Kidney Fund Virtual Camp: National Camp for Pediatric Kidney Patients.” This grant will conduct virtual camps for kids with kidney disease. The virtual camps offer a supportive environment where youth can engage with others like themselves to increase awareness and self-esteem. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$4,514 for its project “Star Spangled Kids Educational Initiative.”

This grant seeks to further civics education for our nation’s youth by providing them with a U.S. flag and the books “[I Pledge Allegiance](#),” “[Our Country’s Flag](#),” and the Constitution of the United States. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$65,000 for its project, “American Legion Auxiliary National Youth Programs Scholarships.” This grant will provide academic scholarships for the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program, the Children of Warriors National Presidents Scholarship, the Spirit of Youth Scholarship, the Honorary National Junior Division Vice President Scholarship, and the Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship. The American Legion Auxiliary supports this grant.

American Legion Department of California District 22 of San Diego, Calif., was awarded \$15,000 for its project “San Diego American Legion Baseball.” This grant will cover registration fees and program expenses related to the American Legion Baseball program.

Art on Wheels of Richmond, Va., was awarded \$5,100 for its project “Therapeutic Arts Programming for Youth.” This grant seeks to use art for youth to find their voice, build confidence and grow.

Center for Adoption Support and Education (CASE) of Burtonsville, Md., was awarded \$30,870 for its project “Improving the Mental Welfare of 25,000 Children in Foster Care.” This grant seeks to produce and disseminate the W.I.S.E Up! Powerbook for Children in Foster Care. The book helps foster parents answer difficult questions foster kids have.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TARGET DATE

May 17, 2023



CHRIS CARLTON NATIONAL COMMANDER 2022 – 2023



**Chris Carlton, National Commander
Sons of The American Legion**

**“Purpose is why we journey;
passion is the flame that lights the way.”**

PURPOSE PASSION



DAVID MENNEL
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
CENTRAL REGION
2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Third Thursday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(720) 527-5854 | 202 4742#

The Central Region is back in 3rd place again, behind the 2nd place Western Region by 0.37%, and ahead of the Eastern Region by 0.21%.

The May 17 Target Date Goal is only a few days away. We have a tremendous amount of work to do on getting those membership numbers up. We have continued to make great progress, and now is the time to finish this with even greater success. "BELIEVE AND SUCCEED" will always pave the way for making our membership grow.

We must Continue to make sure that "BUDDY CHECKS" and "BE THE ONE" are being done as much as possible, for our Veterans and our Legion Family members as well.

The Detachment of WISCONSIN is only 0.50% from 100% and will be the second Detachment to make that goal. Magnificent work WISCONSIN. The Central Region is only 2.64% from reaching that 100% Goal. We need every Detachment in the Central Region to turn in as many memberships they can get to. Your motivation in our Detachments has been significant and the devotion to "SALSTRONG" that has been shown through your hard work at getting to where we are now in membership totals leads to what we see now.

Detachments of the Central Region, we are faced with the question of: How do we set a record for membership this year? First thing would be to get all your membership teams engaged on making sure that this record slating year be the absolute best year in the Sons of The American Legion history, and all Detachments in the Central Region contributed to this success.

The Detachments of OHIO and ILLINOIS are also close to making their 100% goal in the next few days. The Detachments of INDIANA, MISSOURI, IOWA, and MINNESOTA, being a little behind, and have some work cut out for them in getting to that 100% by May 17.

Thank you for all your magnificent work that all the Central Region Detachments have done with their membership.

"FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" let's continue to be the best at what we do for our American Legion Family.

Robert L. Bristo,
Central Region Membership Chairman



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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(605) 313-4388 | 346 8542#



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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

First Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Mountain Time
(605) 313-5379 | 830 520



RON ROBERTS
NATIONAL VICE-COMMANDER
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Second Tuesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Central
(945) 218-0044 | 472 0682



JACK YOUNGS
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2022 – 2023

MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING

Fourth Wednesday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Mountain Time
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Meeting ID: 847 2013 6661 | 697 464

BE THE ONE

If you're a veteran in crisis or concerned about one, contact the Veterans Crisis Line to receive 24/7 confidential support. Dial 988 then Press 1, chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat or text 838255.

A mother's love, a son's struggle and a call to 'Be the One'

[Henry Howard](#) | May 9, 2023

Without hesitation, Elizabeth Hallene illuminated a ray of hope when her son, Brennan, was mired in a dark place.

Her actions are perhaps the most shining example of The American Legion's "[Be the One](#)" initiative to reduce the rate of veteran suicide. Through 'Be the One,' The American Legion aims to encourage anyone — veteran or civilian — to take the appropriate action when a veteran's life may be at risk and to raise awareness about reducing the stigma of seeking mental health treatment.

Mother and son are members of a proud military family, which was among the reasons Brennan opted to join the Massachusetts National Guard.

"When Brennan joined the Guard, I was a little scared but beamed with pride because my boy wanted to help his country," Hallene recalls. "When he joined, I knew what was going on overseas in the Middle East and it worried me. But the pride I had — and still have — in him to this day, nothing could take that away."

Brennan, the middle child, has two sisters.

"Brennan was a mama's boy and to this day, he still is, even though he makes me call him man-boy because he's not a boy anymore," says Hallene, who is the department historian for the Massachusetts American Legion Auxiliary. "As a boy, he was fun, kind, loving, caring, considerate, loved people, loved life."

He also had a passion for serving people, another reason for raising his right hand and vowing to protect America.

No green dot. Brennan joined the Guard in 2012 and was deployed to Afghanistan as an engineer with the

379th Engineering Company in May 2014. Not knowing whether he was safe gnawed at Hallene.

"My daily routine during his deployment was that I would get up at 4 or 5 in the morning, have a cup of coffee, turn on the computer, and sit in front of the computer screen waiting for the green dot to appear," she explains. "That green dot meant I was going to see my boy."

One day, the minutes ticked by. No green dot. More time elapsed. Still no green dot. Instead, there was a news item about six U.S. soldiers being killed in Afghanistan.

"My heart left my chest. I didn't hear from my son. Communication was blocked out. I thought my son had been killed."

After two grueling days, the green dot appeared.

"I felt a sigh of relief. I was happy. I was ecstatic. He told me he was OK, but he really wasn't."

After Brennan's unit repelled an enemy attack, he climbed into the back of a trailer truck. The rotted floorboards gave out, sending Brennan down. He suffered a couple of blown discs in his back, and a torn ACL and MCL.

"Knowing he was alive sent a wave of relief through my body, but I knew he had a long road of recovery," Hallene says. "I worried. He had trouble getting the surgery to get his knee repaired. It took months before that was finally able to be done. I didn't know if it was going to affect him in the long term or if he would ever fully recover from the injuries."

Homecoming. After what seemed like an eternity, Brennan and Hallene were reunited.

"I'll never forget the day he came home," she says, beaming. "I didn't know he was coming home. My daughter-in-law and our baby grandson and my son came to our home and surprised me. I saw the car pull in and I'm just looking out the window and there was my boy. I ran out of the house, gave him the biggest bear hug a mama could give. I was excited, happy, and relieved."

That night Hallene was able to sleep well for the first time in quite a while. Still, Brennan had a long road of physical and emotional recovery ahead.

While the reunion was joyous, Hallene's mother's intuition kicked in.

“The first day he was home, the only thing I could notice about his mental state was the light he had in his eyes before he left was no longer there,” she recalls. “Being a mom, I figured he just needed to get re-acclimated to civilian life and he’d be OK.”

Before his deployment, they would communicate daily via text or a phone call. After his return, weeks would go by without any communication. He answered in brief spurts, reassuring her that he was fine but busy.

“He would say, ‘Mom, I’m OK. I’m just busy. I’m back working. We got the kids. I’m just real busy.’ OK, kiddo, well, I’m here if you need me. Lo and behold — bam! — life changed.”

‘Longest 20 minutes of my life.’ A fulfilling job is an important part of a successful transition back to the civilian world for servicemembers. Brennan worked as an emergency medical technician. But the trauma he experienced as an EMT only compounded his situation.

“He has PTSD, both from his time in the service in Afghanistan for things that he had to see and do over there to survive, and from being a first responder, paramedic, EMT,” she explains. “At the time, I didn’t know. He didn’t want his wife to say anything to me because he didn’t want me to worry. He always looks out for mom. It was a tough go. I guess he had been spiraling downhill for a minimum of a year.

On Aug. 7, 2021, Brennan called his mother.

“Something seemed off. He was having a really hard time, a really difficult time in both his professional life and his home life,” she recalls. “He needed some advice from mom. He was sobbing uncontrollably on the telephone. It wasn’t my boy anymore. It didn’t sound like him.”

After their hour-long conversation, Hallene knew in her heart her boy was not OK. “Everything in me, as his mother, told me he needed me and not just on the phone.”

She texted her daughter-in-law. Then waited. “The longest 20 minutes of my life.”

Finally, Hallene received a text back: “We need you to come.”

Time was not on their side. They were separated by an hour’s drive. Thanks to a police escort, Hallene arrived only 30 minutes later.

“Most of the officers are veterans and know PTSD is no joke,” she says. “That is why this ‘Be the One’ campaign is so important, so other families can get the help for their loved ones before it’s too late. When I got to my son, he was shaking uncontrollably, crying uncontrollably. I couldn’t get him to calm down. I later found out he had a gun in his mouth earlier. He was ready to die.”

A ‘Be the One’ success story. Hallene greeted her son with a hug and tried to calm him down. Eventually, she convinced him to let her take him to a hospital. But as an EMT, Brennan didn’t want to go to a local hospital where others would know him. He agreed to go to one closer to where his mother lives.

About 10 minutes into the drive, Brennan started confiding in his mom.

“He began opening up about some of the stuff that he saw over in Afghanistan and as a paramedic EMT, some of the things he had to do to make sure he and the members of his unit could survive over there,” she says. “It wasn’t pretty. It was heart-wrenching. My heart breaks for all soldiers, but mostly for my son.”

Hallene’s approach was perfect: “All I could do was sit there and listen. And that’s what the ‘Be the One’ program advocates: Just listen, don’t interrupt and be there for the veteran.”

After spending a couple of weeks in the hospital, Brennan lived with his mom, stepdad and their 14-year-old daughter. That’s when Hallene’s ‘Be the One’ mission transitioned to her family and their American Legion Family.

Family and fellowship. Hallene’s husband, Bill, is commander of Dudley Gendron Post 414 in Sutton.

“We thought that the camaraderie with the other veterans and the fellowship would help him, knowing that these veterans could understand more of what he was going through,” she explains. “And it proved to be right.”

Brennan’s two primary veteran supporters are Bill Hallene and Pete Gauthier, or Chaplain Pete, the role he has held at Post 414 for about 20 years.

Bill and Brennan would stay up at night, playing games and talking. Brennan, who refers to Bill as his “best friend,” shared stories about what he endured while deployed.

“I did everything I could to help him, to ground him, to be a dad,” recalls Bill, who served with the Army’s 82nd Airborne during Panama. “And I’m convinced the person who helped him the most was Pete. Family can only do so much. I’m his dad — it’s my job. You (Pete) actually did more than you will ever know.”

Gauthier, who served in the Navy during the Vietnam era, helps other veterans dealing with mental illness and substance abuse through his counseling role at the Providence (R.I.) VA Medical Center. He brought his experience in leading groups for post 9/11 veterans dealing with PTSD, anxiety, and depression to the post. The post was a safety zone where veterans and first responders would meet, share their stories to their own comfort level and form bonds. Over weekly sessions for six months, Brennan and other participants found healing.

“When the group meets for the first week or two, it’s tough to feel comfortable because you don’t know the people, you don’t know their stories, and you feel in your own head that you’re the only one experiencing this,” Gauthier explains. “It really helps others in the group when you share your story. ‘Holy ---, I’m not the only one who feels like this.’ Brennan really had a big impact on other group members. When he was able to sit and tell his story, he had the whole table with tears in their eyes just listening to him. And that made all of them feel so connected and understand that they weren’t the only ones dealing with stuff.”

In Gauthier’s eyes, Brennan is a hero. And vice versa. “He embarrasses me and brings tears to my eyes because almost every time I see him, he’ll come over and give me a big hug,” Gauthier says. “And he’ll whisper in my ear, ‘You saved my life.’ I’ll get in my car and drive home with a tear in my eye. I can’t believe I had that impact on him, but he did all the work. He saved his life.”

A changed Brennan. Thanks to their mentorship, Brennan is doing much better. He became junior vice commander at the post and also joined the Sons of the American Legion. Hallene is thankful for the Legion Family’s role in her son’s recovery.

“Before Chaplain Pete started the therapy, Brennan would sit around the house,” she says. “And when Chaplain Pete started the counseling groups, he went from not wanting to get dressed and just sit in front of the TV or play video games to wanting to go to the post.”

Brennan also started looking for another job. He joked with his sister. He forged a deeper bond with his stepdad.

“My husband helped him. Chaplain Pete helped him. There’s no doubt in my mind Chaplain Pete helped save my son’s life. So did my husband.”

‘Be the One’ resources. It’s worth noting that Hallene’s action took place before “Be the One” launched in May 2022. She took great pride in sharing her family’s story with American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola when he visited the post last month.

“I thanked him because without the ‘Be the One’ campaign and him getting the message out there and letting people know there are tools that families can access through veterans service officers, through the [Le-gion website](#) to help them be able to help their veterans or their loved ones get the help that they need. I had to find the help on my own. I didn’t know where to turn.” Seeing her son’s progress inspires Hallene to spread the word about “Be the One.”

“We collectively, as the American Legion Family, need to listen to our veterans, old or young,” she says. “We need to listen to them, reach out, and do what we can to help them. And once you get them the help, it doesn’t end there. You should be following up with these veterans and keep on them to make sure that they’re doing OK, make sure that nothing else happens.”

Hallene isn’t sure what her son is planning for Mother’s Day. But, thanks to her actions, every day is a blessing.

“I’m just thankful that he’s here with me every day because in a matter of seconds, he could have been gone,” she says. “I hope one thing he has learned through this is not to be ashamed. You’ve done what you’ve had to do to survive. You are a kind, caring, loving young man. You have earned the respect of a lot of people, me, but you’ve always had my respect, Dad, Chaplain Pete, many members throughout the Dudley Gendron family and throughout the Legion community who know you.”

Being the One . The invisible wounds of war such as PTSD and TBI don’t discriminate. Veterans from all war eras deal with such trauma. All races are susceptible. Men, women, and nonbinary suffer the consequences. While all have individual needs, the common thread for forging solutions is a support system.

“My son was afraid to get help because he was afraid to be labeled,” Hallene says. “I say the hell with labels. You need help? You find somebody. Don't hold it in. Don't take your life. It's not going to help you, and it's not going to help your family. There are people out there. Not all of us know what we're doing all the time, but there are people out there, whether it's your own family or it's mental health professionals, doctors, therapists, or Legion family members who will step up and help you. They will be the one for you.”

It's not just military family members who can “Be the One.” Civilians, caregivers, and others all have the ability to assist a veteran who is in crisis. The Hallenes hope that by sharing their story, more veterans will receive the support they need.

“If we can help even half the veterans who are struggling, just think what an impact that would be,” Bill says. “100 percent would be even better. But just think about half — and the trickle-down effect. The next thing you know you're helping tens of thousands of people.”

There is a long way to go to significantly reduce the veteran suicide rate. But by answering the call, Brennan's caring cadre demonstrated how to “Be the One.”

“I'd be ecstatic for Brennan's story — and my story, as his mom — to help one family, one veteran,” she says. “It's so meaningful for that opportunity to help someone else. My hope is to help a lot more.”



Sarah Hunt/Daily Herald

Utah post uses Legion Family Day to educate on suicide awareness, ‘Be the One’

The American Legion | May 5, 2023

In January of this year, American Legion National Commander Vincent Troiola sent out an email to Legionnaires to remind them of April 29 being

designated as American Legion Family Day. In his message, he reiterated that one of the goals of the day was to educate a post's community of what the Legion's mission was — and asked them to highlight one particular mission.

“Let visitors to your Family Day event know the issues that are important to The American Legion,” Troiola wrote. “Tell them about our [‘Be the One’](#) program and our efforts to de-stigmatize the courageous decision to seek mental wellness.

Utah Legionnaire Becki Knepper took that message to heart. She and fellow members of American Legion Post 68 in Spanish Fork conducted an American Legion Family Day on April 29 that focused on suicide awareness and the Legion's “Be the One” mission. Between 40 to 50 members of the community attended the Brent Sanford Suicide Prevention Day, which was named for a Post 68 member who took his own life in June of last year at the age of 69. Several members of Sanford's family, including his wife Colette, attended the event. The event also honored Emily Haroldsen, a 17-year-old Spanish Fork resident who took her own life in January 2020.

Knepper, who is winding down her three-year tenure as Post 68's commander, said Sanford's suicide “affected all of the members of our post. Most of us grew up with Brent or went to school with him. But also, I have a neighbor whose 17-year-old daughter took her own life a few years ago. Suicide has become such a big problem, certainly with our veterans, but also with our youth. I just felt like this was an opportunity to try and get some information out to the public to hopefully help people who are suffering with thoughts of suicide, or people who know people who are suffering with that and can reach out and help them not take their own lives.”

Incoming Post 68 Commander Kent Anderson served with Sanford in the National Guard and said he “had the personality that once you met him, you were friends for life. With the problems we're having with suicides in this country, especially with veterans, we thought it would be a little more impactful to honor someone who was born and grew up in Spanish Fork and had suffered some of the problems that go along with suicide. This is something we recognize is a problem and want to do something about it.”

But Anderson said the post didn't want to make the day only about veterans, which is why it chose to honor Haroldsen as well. “The number of suicides among young people is unbelievable,” he said. “You've got things like social media and things like bullying. It

really affects the young people differently than when we were growing up, it seems. This was a young girl who had everything to live for, but she didn't see it in herself.

"I think the post should look at (suicide awareness) as its responsibility. It's our brothers and sisters in the service, but it's generally a problem everywhere. And most people don't think much about it unless it hits close to home. I know Brent hit close to home when took his life."

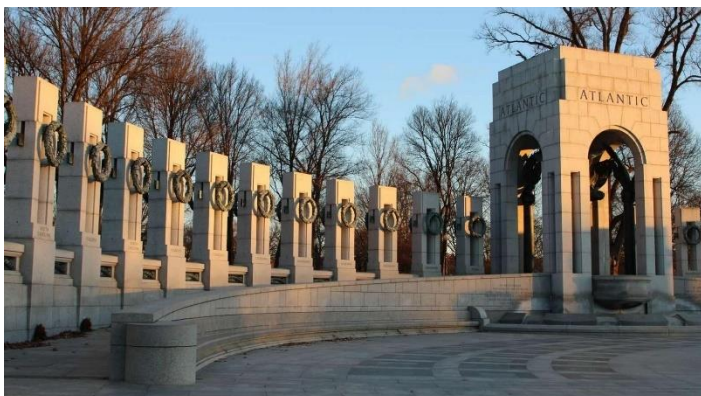
In addition to food vendors, representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Spanish Fork Police Department, the Nebo School District, Wasatch Mental Health, and other organizations were on hand for the event to share resources. Also on display was a board that attendees were asked to sign, pledging they would not take their own lives.

Knepper praised the Legion's "Be the One" initiative and said it was nice to be a part of the effort before she finished up as post commander.

"It feels really good to me that, as I am leaving, this (event) will be like my swan song," she said. "I've made some other marks during my tenure, but it just feels really good that one of the final things that I do as commander is to start a program like this in our community."

Remembering the Greatest Generation

To honor a World War II Veteran,
please send information to jeffvrabelsr@gmail.com



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Fourth Thursday of Bi-monthly
7:30 p.m. Eastern | [Join Zoom meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 956 9846 2868 | 840 830
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July 27



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flags have been placed
and reported to
honor our veterans
since September 1, 2022**

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Jeff Vrabel, Sr. (OH), Chairman

Second Thursday of Each Month
7:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
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Child Welfare Foundation Committee

Mark Nave (PA), Chairman

Third Wednesday of Each Month
8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 989 9129 8443 | 967 563
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Below are the Non-Legion applicants that were awarded at the CWF Board meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023. All 5 of the applicants that were recommended by the SAL CWF committee were awarded. The awardees are:

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| Alabama Rens Basketball Club | \$9,130 |
| American Kidney Fund (AKF) | \$25,000* |
| American Legion Auxiliary (C&Y) | \$4,514 |
| Art on Wheels NFP | \$5,100 |
| Culture Creations Inc. | \$13,000 |
| D.U.E.T (DBA DUET Kids) | \$51,450 |
| Florida Atlantic University | \$6,561* |

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| Health World Education Ltd. Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network | \$4,000* |
| Knowledge Point Network | \$17,350* |
| National Organization of Motivation & Incentive thru Education for Youth Inc. (DBA NOMIE for Youth) | \$28,330 |
| Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation | \$7,500 |
| Youth For Christ Military Center for Adoption Support and Education (C.A.S.E) | \$9,450* |
| | \$10,000 |
| | \$25,866 |
| Total Awarded | \$217,251 |

*Recommended by the SAL CWF committee

In total 17 awards totaling \$797,251 was awarded in 2023 grants. Without your donations this would not be able to happen. Your donations have a positive impact on our youth. Thank you, gentlemen, for all you do!

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Culture Creations, Inc. of Wichita, Kan., was awarded \$13,000 for its project “Transformational Peer to Peer Mentorship Program Proposal.” This grant seeks to create a mentoring program for those youth aging out of the foster care system. Youth will be paired with peer mentors who will help teach life skills and provide guidance transitioning into adulthood.

D.U.E.T (dba DUET Kids) of Savannah, Ga., was awarded \$51,450 for its project “Student Teaching Student Initiative.” This grant seeks to develop a music mentoring program were high school and college students mentor younger students in music.

Florida Atlantic University of Boca Raton, Fla., was awarded \$6,561 for its project “Pet Dogs, Resilience and Well-Being in Military Adolescents.” The grant seeks to study mental health in military adolescents that own and do not own a dog. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Health World Education Ltd. Of Scottsdale, Ariz., was awarded \$4,000 for its project “The Horsense Program.” This grant will help cover expenses related to a five-weeklong camp where they will teach youth life skills, team building, making better choices and

healthy habits. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network of Oyster Bay, N.Y., was awarded \$17,350 for its project “HPS Kids Camp.” This grant will provide a three- day camp for children suffering from Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome (HPS) while parents attend educational sessions so that they may better understand HPS. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Knowledge Point Network of Livingston, Texas, was awarded \$28,330 for its project “Operation Life-skills 365.” This grant seeks to develop a web-based platform that will directly service youth by providing them with physical and outdoor activities to teach them essential life skills and coping mechanisms.

National Organization of Motivation & Incentives thru Education for Youth, Inc. (dba NOMIE for Youth) of Shreveport, La., was awarded \$7,500 for its project “NOMIE for Youth Fundamental Life Skills Workshop.” This grant will support in-person and virtual workshops to teach essential life skills and instill positive values in today’s youth.

Pittsburgh Penguins Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pa., was awarded \$9,450 for its project “HeadsUP Pittsburgh: Baseline Concussion Testing Partnership.” This grant will provide baseline concussion testing and education for athletic youth ages 14 and under. The Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

The American Legion National Headquarters of Indianapolis was awarded \$500,000 for its project “The American Legion Children and Youth National Program-2023.” This grant will cover academic scholarships and youth program-related expenses for the American Legion National Oratorical Contest, Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports Program, Legion Baseball and Eagle Scout of the Year. The grant will also support the Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) grant program that will provide financial assistance to the minor child(ren) in the home of an eligible veteran or military servicemember to maintain shelter, food, utilities, and clothing. The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion support this grant.

Youth for Christ Military of Englewood, Colo., was awarded \$10,000 for its project “YFC Military: Investing in Military Connected Youth through Camp.” This grant will provide scholarships for military children to attend a camp.

Children & Youth Committee

James A. Noble (NJ), Chairman

Second Wednesday of Each Month

7:30 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 934 1509 0014 | 403 800

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Finance Commission

William G. Hill (MD), Chairman

8:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 957 1342 7326 | 44846

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July 13

Internal Affairs Commission

William Clancy, III (NY), Chairman

First Thursday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. Eastern Time | [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Legislative Commission

Thomas G. Deal (MD), Chairman

Third Thursday of ODD Months

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Legion supports bill to address businesses posing as service-disabled veteran owned

The American Legion | May 5, 2023



The Iowa Delegation meets with Sen. Joni Ernst in the Hart Building in Washington District of Columbia on Tuesday, February 28.

Hilary Ott /The American Legion

The American Legion is supporting legislation aimed at reducing stolen valor from small businesses falsely

self-certifying as Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs).

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, introduced the Stop Stolen Valor for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Contractors Act, as well as the Accountability in Women-Owned Small Business Contracting Act. The bills would require federal agencies to only take credit for contract awards made to certified WOSBs and SDVOSBs.

“There are no real consequences if federal agencies do not meet their goals to support women-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. Failure has become routine,” Ernst said in a press release. “As departments continue to take credit for contract awards made to ineligible businesses, I’m fighting to bring accountability to federal contracting.”

“Loopholes allowing small businesses to self-certify as Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (SDVOSBs) cause imposters to take advantage of government contracting benefits exclusive for SDVOSBs. This has directly led to stolen valor and fraud against the American taxpayer,” said American Legion National Commander Vincent J. “Jim” Troiola. “These egregious practices must end now, that is why The American Legion is proud to support the Stop Stolen Valor for Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Contractors Act of 2023 and applaud Senator Ernst’s leadership on behalf of our nation’s heroes.”

Member Training and Development Committee

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First Monday of Each Month

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The current SAL membership report can be accessed on the national website at www.legion.org/membership/standings.

SAL Online Renewal - members can login and renew direct via www.myLegion.org or quick renew by clicking here [SAL Online Renewal](#).

SAL New Member Kit is now online and ready for purchase. [New Member Kit \(SAL\) - American Legion Flag & Emblem](#).

How do we set a record for membership this year? One member at a time!! Buddy Checks, Membership Engagement Teams, and Personal Correspondence. How do we reach our **GOAL? Get Out And Look.**

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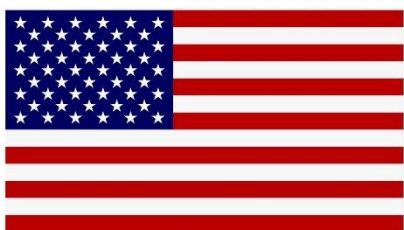
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Local produced film gets national attention; focuses on veterans with brain injuries

[Kristen McFarland](#) | May 7, 2023

Mahoning Valley, OH (WKBN) – A special spotlight on a local doctor changing lives across the nation, Dr. Chrisanne Gordon grew up in the Steel Valley and holds Youngstown close to her heart.

In 2012, she founded a nonprofit organization that helps veterans struggling with traumatic brain injury.

Most recently, Dr. Gordon helped create a short film that qualified for a large film festival in San Diego.

Dr. Chrisanne Gordon grew up in Youngstown, attended school at Cardinal Mooney and later went to Medical School at The Ohio State University.

"I love Columbus don't get me wrong, but I really love the community and my roots are in Youngstown and my best supporters have always been from Youngstown," said Dr. Gordon.

Dr. Gordon suffered a traumatic brain injury in 1996, leaving her unable to walk and talk for some time. With the help from her strong support system, she was able to heal, and it was in that moment she realized her purpose and mission.

"When the global war on terror started, our invasion into Afghanistan in 2001, I began noticing clips coming back talking about soldiers who were feigning illness or pretending to have a traumatic brain injury," said Dr. Gordon. "I could not sit back idly, both with my upbringing and my training and let them be called fakers, that just isn't right. These are the people who volunteer their lives to defend us we better volunteer our lives to get them back to a state of a new normal."

Through her own personal experiences, extensive research, and help from many people, Dr. Gordon was on the forefront in creating the short Film "Brainstorms." This is not Dr. Gordon's first film, yet it offers unique insight.

“Brainstorms” gives the audience an experiential account of what life is like for veterans suffering with a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

“The biggest issue that we all have is awareness, to get our nation on board, and I really think our nation is hungry for a cause. What can unite us? And we can be united by our veterans any day of the week,” said Dr. Gordon.

The film, which qualified for GI Film Festival in San Diego will screen later this month. It was created through a special grant from the Resurrecting Lives Foundation. The national nonprofit focuses on raising awareness of TBI and PTSD among US service members and veterans.

“Brainstorms” uses experiences from veterans, including some from the Steel Valley.

Veterans Employment & Education Commission

Jim Coates (NY), Chairman

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Squadron 105 hosts first car show

[Rusty Myers](#), Contributor | May 7, 2023

Belleville, NJ – Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron 105 ran its first-ever Car Show the first weekend of May, which was a tremendous success. 44

cars – from models made in the 1920’s to the 2010’s – showed up at the event.

American Legion Post 105 is located on Washington Ave, next to the Motorcycle Mall, and frequently holds events once the weather gets nice. And the weather on Sunday the 7th was perfect – no clouds with temperatures in the 70’s, and a slight breeze – a perfect day for a car show!

Cars completely lined the parking lot of the Post, plus completely filled the Motorcycle Mall lot next door, whose owner was generous enough to donate the use of their parking lot for the day. Cars which entered the show were asked for a \$25 donation to the Squadron, which will go towards funding its veterans and children and youth programs in the community. From a 1923 Model T Ford, to a 1948 Ford Stock Super Deluxe Coupe, to a 2017 Polaris Sling Shot SL, people who showed up had the opportunity to check out cars over a 100-year range of makes and models.

The gates were opened at 8 am, and cars trickled in over the next two hours completely filling up both lots. Visitors got to mill around the lots looking at the cars, chatting with the owners, listening to music by DJ Carlos, and having hot dogs and with refreshments. Judging started at 11 am, with the trophies getting announced at around noon.

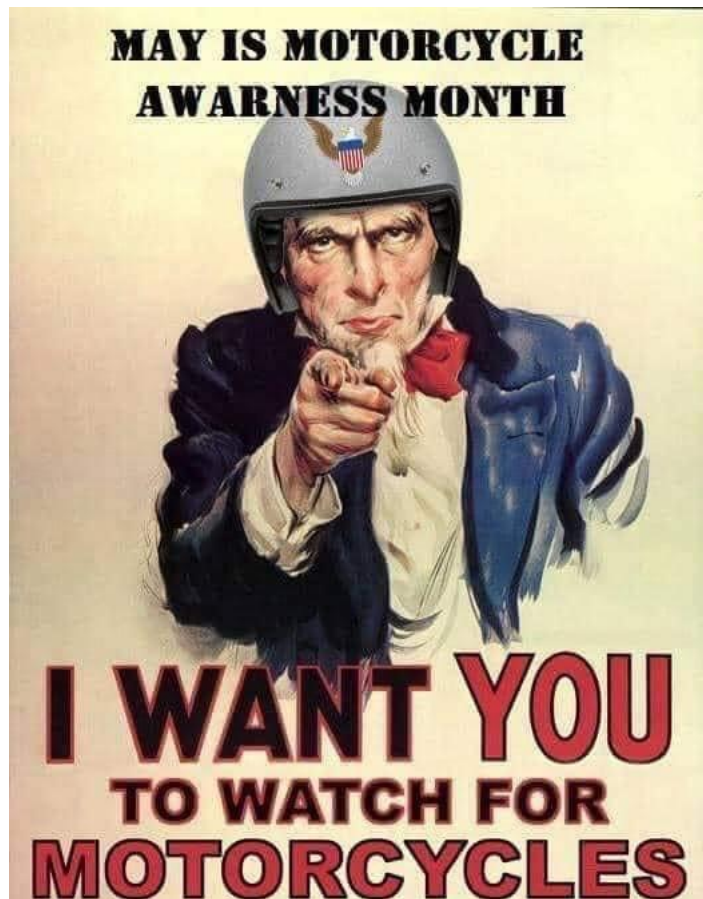
The idea for a car show started in Fall 2022, by SAL 1st Vice Commander James Elsmore, who is himself a proud owner of a Ford Mustang. A veteran of a few car shows himself, he ordered nine trophies to hand out at the event. Winners were ‘Veterans Choice,’ “SAL’s Choice,” and “ALA’s Choice” – all categories which were chosen by respective judges from each organization ... the American Legion, the Sons of the American Legion, and the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA).



The largest trophy, though, adorned with stars and stripes, an engraved plaque, and topped with a gold steering wheel, was given for 'Best In Show' – awarded to Harry Puch, the owner of a Brandywine-red 1967 Chevy Nova SS.

By all accounts, everyone had a blast, meanwhile supporting our local veterans. The Post 105 Family thanks everyone who came by, and everyone who participated by entering. Keep your eye out for announcements on future car shows at the Post.

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Show Up Date: May 20th, 2023
Registration: 08:30 – 09:30 am

Start Point – Williamstown Legion Post 252 – Card #1

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Williamstown, NJ 08094
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2nd Stop – Pemberton Legion Post 294 – Card #2

39 Fort Dix
Pemberton, NJ 08068
~ KSU from here: 11:15am ~

3rd Stop – Florence Legion Post 194 – Card #3

601 Broad Street
Florence, NJ 08518
~ KSU from here: 12:10pm ~

4th Stop – Hightstown Legion Post 148 – Card #4

895 Route 130 North
East Windsor, NJ 08502
~ KSU from here: 1:25pm ~

5th/Last Stop – Spotswood Legion Post 253 – Card #5

50 Devoe Ave.
Spotswood, NJ 08884

~ Arrive here final stop: Approximately 2pm ~
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May 20th, 2023
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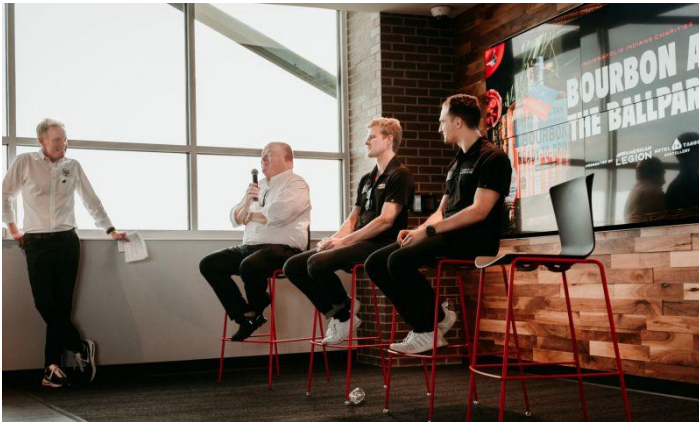
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Sports



Hilary Ott

Ganassi shares impact of ‘Be the One’ on him during fundraiser event in Indy

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | May 12, 2023

In April of 2021, The American Legion teamed with Chip Ganassi Racing (CGR) to announce the launch of [“Be the One,”](#) an initiative to reduce veteran suicides through destigmatizing asking for mental health support. The initiative is featured prominently via branding on Ganassi’s car’s in the NTT INDYCAR SERIES, including the No. 10 American Legion Honda that Alex Palou will drive in this weekend’s GMR Grand Prix and then later this month in the Indianapolis 500.

Team owner Chip Ganassi said at the launch of the initiative that speaking with American Legion representatives really raised his awareness of how high the number of veteran suicides is, a figure estimated at around 17 per day.

But nothing impacted Ganassi as much as when he received a phone call earlier this spring from Dean Kessel, the Legion’s Chief Marketing Officer. While at the first race of the 2023 INDYCAR season, American Legion representatives were approached by an active-duty servicemember who said he had contemplated suicide, at one time having a weapon in his hand to do so. He was immediately connected with an American Legion service officer, was able to get appointments scheduled that he needed and also was connected with some Legionnaires.

“When Dean told me that news, it caught me off-guard. And when it hit me, I have to tell you that I was speechless,” Ganassi said May 11 at a Bourbon at the Ballpark fundraiser for “Be the One” put on by local veteran-owned business Hotel Tango Distillery and Indianapolis Indians Charities. “I was really, really pleased, like I’ve never before felt, with that kind of statement that (Kessel) said. And I realized then that the platform that we have to expose ‘Be the One’ is what did it. Without that platform, who knows where that young man would be today.

“It’s a different experience ... to be associated with The American Legion and everything they’re doing. I’m very, very proud to represent the Legion and very proud to hopefully be the one to save someone.”

The event, which took place in the ballpark’s Elements Financial Club, included appearances by Palou and fellow CGR driver Marcus Ericsson, who joined with Ganassi for a Q&A session moderated by INDYCAR Vice President of Communication Dave Furst. It was the Legion’s second in-person event with Hotel Tango Distillery, which this year brought in the Indianapolis Indians Charities.

Hotel Tango Distillery CEO and founder Travis Barnes, who did three tours as a Recon Marine – seeing combat in the initial surge in Iraq in 2003, as well as in Fallujah, Ramadi and Nasiriyah – was on hand for the event and explained his business wants to help the Legion with its initiative.

“It’s about destigmatizing the ability for guys to come out and say they’re struggling,” Barnes said. “I’ve been there. I’ve dealt with it. I came home from three tours. I know how hard it can be to ask for help. I think this program is really what guys need. I really think it will save lives. It’s that first step, to say, ‘I’m struggling, and I need help.’

“Any awareness we can bring to this is an opportunity to save a life. The more that we can project this out into the world, to veterans, so that they know it’s OK (to ask for help), the better. And that The American Legion is doing it is a huge deal, and I can’t say enough how proud I am to be a part of this program.”

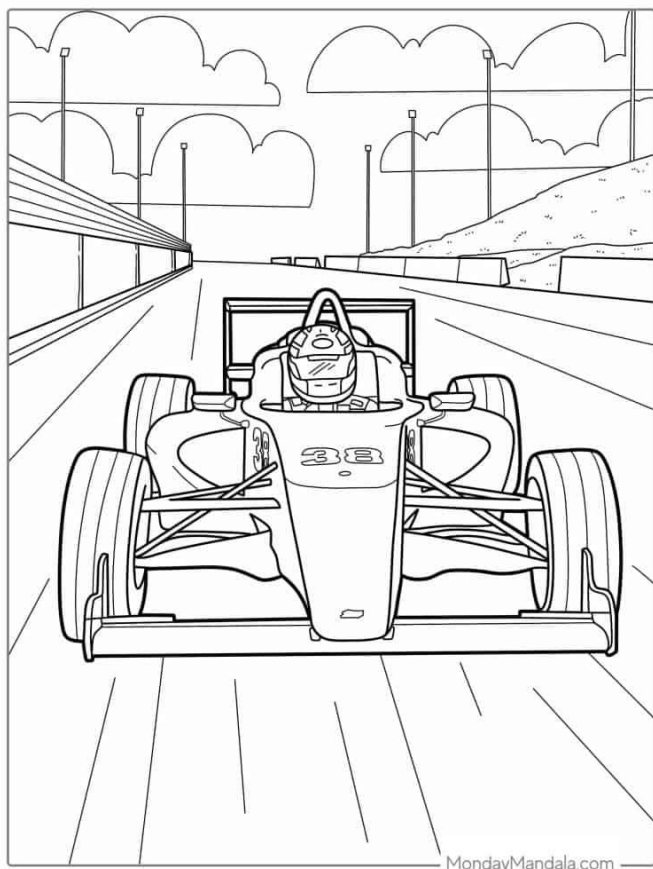
Hotel Tango Distillery also is raising funds for the Legion another way, [through sales of its Red, White & Bourbon](#). It’s the second year in a row for the promotion, which this year benefits “Be the One.”

“I’ve lost more guys I served with to suicide than I did in combat,” Barnes said. “So to partner with The

American Legion in the 'Be the One' campaign is a huge deal for us.”

Kessel addressed attendees prior to the Q&A and shared what the mission of “Be the One” is. “(The American Legion’s) DNA is about solving the big problems that face veterans,” he said. “The biggest issue facing this generation of veterans is suicide. You being here today, purchasing the tickets for this event helps us do a couple things.”

“The biggest issue facing veterans to get help is asking for help. What we want to do is destigmatize veterans asking for help. We want to make sure these folks are comfortable coming forward, and we do that with events like this and with our relationship with Chip Ganassi and his racing team.”



Happy Mother's Day

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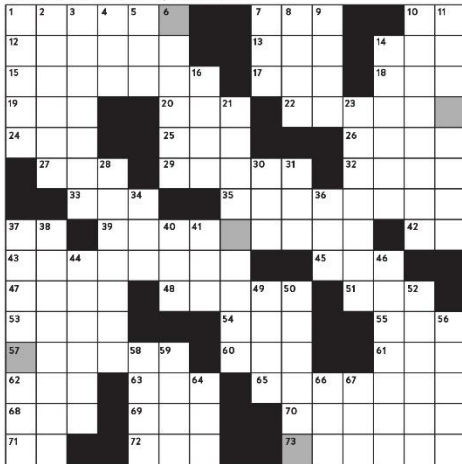


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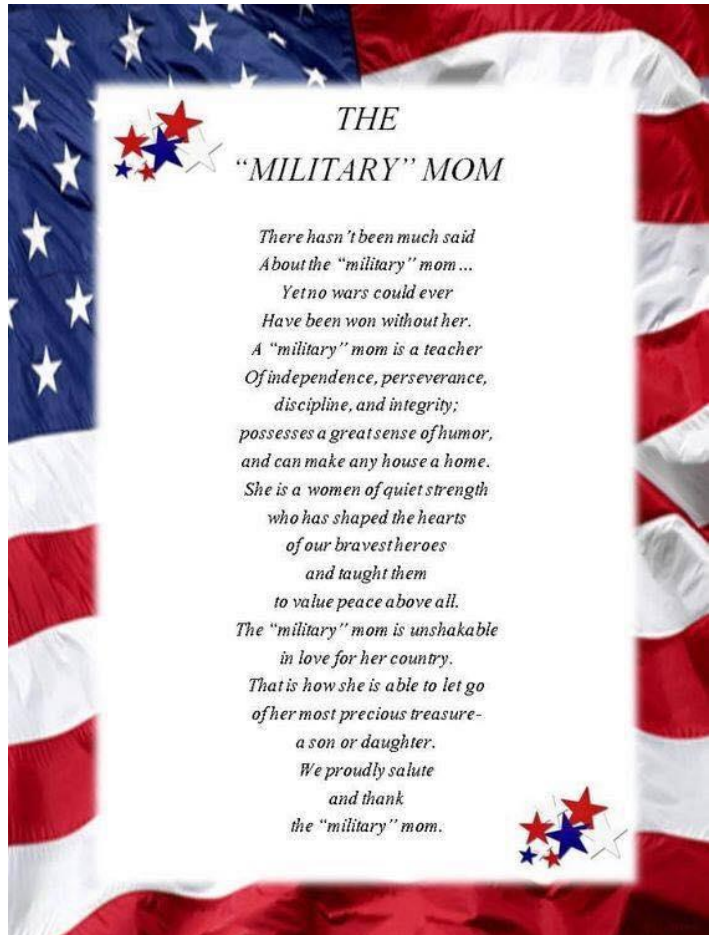
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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Rick Bowen, Jr.



Rick Bowen Jr., age 54, of Cisne, Illinois, and formerly of Flora, passed away Monday, May 8,

2023, at his home.

He was born April 6, 1969, in Flora, the son of Richard Eugene and Pauline G. (Pickel) Bowen. He was united in marriage to Lori Forth and later Julie Briscoe.

Rick had worked as an engineer at North American Lighting in Flora. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1985 and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, watching television, attending concerts, and was a fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

He is survived by his parents: Rick and Pauline Bowen of Flora; 2 daughters: Hailey Bowen (David McClanahan) of Jackson, Missouri, and Emily Bowen of Terre Haute, Indiana; a grandson: Liam McClanahan of Jackson, Missouri; several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews; and 4 close friends that he considered brothers: Greg Beard, Tim Dickenson, Randall Baker, and Steve McKnelly.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Zeke and Mary Bowen; and maternal grandparents: Neva and Dwight Pickel. A visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 13, 2023, at Frank & Bright Funeral Home in Flora.

Memorial donations are suggested to the family to assist with final expenses and will be accepted through the funeral home. To share a condolence or memory, visit: www.frankandbright.com.

Former Richland County Prosecutor Gary Bishop dies at 63; dedicated his life to the criminal justice system

[Lou Whitmire](#)

Mansfield News Journal
May 8, 2023

Former Richland County Prosecutor Gary Bishop died early Monday morning at his home.

Bishop, who had been serving as county prosecutor since December 2016, announced last January that [he would resign effective April 10 due to "personal health concerns."](#) He had announced in November 2022 that he had been diagnosed with esophageal and stomach cancer.

Then, on March 16, Bishop rescinded his retirement announcement, saying his recovery from cancer had gone better than expected and he planned to serve his full term through December 2024.

[Bishop announced his retirement a second time](#) and resigned on April 14.

On Monday, Bishop, 63, of Plymouth, died surrounded by family, after engaging in mortal combat with esophageal cancer.

He had been battling esophageal and stomach cancer the last several months.



True to his spirit, he never gave up swinging until there was nothing left to swing at, according to his obituary posted online Monday afternoon by Barkdull Funeral Home in Shelby.

Acting Prosecutor Jodie Schumacher said Bishop's wife called her right away after he passed. Bishop was placed in hospice care on Friday.

He had been discharged from the hospital recently but had to go back to the hospital.

"Everybody's certainly saddened," Schumacher said. "Even though Gary had been battling the illness and he had retired, everybody still thought of Gary as our prosecutor, our leader."

"Gary was still the boss."

Born Oct. 11, 1959 to the late Mary (Ray) Sendelbach and Ezra Bishop in Pikeville, Kentucky, Bishop relocated with his family in 1961 to Tiro. A 1977 graduate of Buckeye Central High School, Gary had served as a delegate to the American Legions Buckeye Boy State in 1976.

He attended Bowling Green State University from 1978-1982,

graduating with a degree in Political Science and minoring in English.

During law school he began student internships with both the Toledo Public Defender's Office and the City of Toledo Prosecutor's office. Both experiences changed his life, he said. He then went on to graduate from the University of Toledo College of Law.

Bishop was quickly smitten by the love of criminal justice and the passion to seek justice for victims, never looking back, according to his obituary.

"I will remember his dedication and his commitment to victims," Schumacher said. "Domestic violence and sexual assaults were an absolute priority. He really taught all of us in the office how to balance that compassion for victims with getting justice."

Bishop was a proud yet humble member of the Sons of the American Legion for more than 25 years. He was also honored to serve as a consultant to the Court Section of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, camping in the mountains, getaway cabin weekends, fishing when he could, and a good fire by "Hollywood Boulevard."

Although never more important than family and loved ones, Bishop found his pride and joy in 1976 at the age of 16 with his first car, a 1967 Ford Mustang GT Fastback that he kept and enjoyed for the rest of his life.

He is survived by his loving wife, Melony, and children.

"Anyone that knew Gary knew he had a big heart. He really had a big heart," Schumacher said.

Celebration of life service scheduled. A celebration of Bishop's life will take place at Barkdull Funeral Home in Shelby on June 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. In place of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Richland County Domestic Violence Shelter at P.O. Box 1524 Mansfield, OH 44901, or to the Richland County Humane Society at 3025 Park Avenue West, Ontario, OH 44906.

Bishop's career in law spanned more than 35 years. He was elected Richland County prosecutor in

November 2016, defeating Bambi Couch Page.

Bishop came to the prosecutor's office in 2005, a hire of the late James Mayer Jr. He came from Wood County, where he rose to first assistant prosecutor. While working in Richland County, Bishop became chief criminal trial attorney.

He spent nearly 10 years working in the local prosecutor's office before taking a position with the Ashland County Prosecutor's Office in April 2015, returning to Richland County after the 2016 election.

Colleagues express sadness of Bishop's passing. Common Pleas Judge Brent Robinson worked with Bishop from 2005-14, from the time Bishop joined the office until Robinson became a judge.

"He was a very, very talented attorney," Robinson said. "He tried a lot of cases, maybe more than probably any of the prosecutors there."

Robinson said Bishop would often volunteer to try cases.

He said one of his favorite memories of Bishop was a snow day a few years ago. Bishop was an avid snowmobiler.

"I asked if I could come to his house with my son," Robinson said.

The judge said Bishop had permission to snowmobile in a field across the street from his house. Robinson also met Bishop's mother and brother that day.

"He enjoyed the fact that we (Robinson and his son) had such a good time. We were novices," Robinson said.

He added that Bishop loved boating and fishing.

"I was hoping he would have time to retire and enjoy himself," Robinson said. "That's one of the things I'm sad about."

Sheriff J. Steve Sheldon and Maj. Joe Masi of the Richland County Sheriff's Office said first and foremost, Bishop was a good friend of the both of them.

"He was very supportive of the sheriff and his office. And Gary dedicated his life to the criminal justice system," Masi said.

Masi said with his wife working in the prosecutor's office, he and his wife and family had a strong connection with Bishop.

"Our family will miss him," he said. "Mansfield police Chief Keith Porch and I are saddened by the news of the passing of Gary Bishop," said Assistant police Chief Jason Bammann. "Gary was not only a colleague but also a friend. Gary's commitment to the residents of Richland County as well as the local law enforcement agencies within was unsurpassed. He will be deeply missed by all."

The local Republican Party will ultimately fill the position, with voters choosing a new prosecutor in the November 2024 election.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost lauded Bishop for his contributions to the justice system.

"Gary Bishop was synonymous with justice for crime victims in Richland County. That area of Ohio has lost a dedicated prosecutor and compassionate victim advocate — one who will be greatly missed but most assuredly not forgotten," Yost said in a statement.

"I offer my deepest condolences to his loved ones and the many people he championed in Richland County. During his tenure as Richland County prosecutor, Bishop was honored for outstanding achievement and meritorious service to crime victims by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association, the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and the Victims Services Division of the Ohio Court of Claims," Yost said.

Reporter Mark Caudill contributed to this story.

Terry John Roman



Terry John Roman, 66, of Finleyville, PA died Friday, May 5, 2023, in his home.

He was born April 8, 1957, in New Eagle, a son of the late John and Bernice Zukauckas Roman Jr.

Terry John was self-employed as a cement contractor. He was a charter member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 613 in Finleyville, past officer of the Hackett Club, enjoyed hunting and farming.

Surviving are his son, Benjamin Roman of Cresson, Pa; two sisters, Beverly Roman of Sebastian, Fla and Denise Marroni of Olympia, WA, and many cousins.

Friends and Family will be received from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 10 in Kegel Funeral Home, Inc. David P. Kegel, Supervisor

3560 Washington Ave Finleyville. Graveside services will immediately follow visitation in Stone Church Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the family c/o Kegel Funeral Home, to assist with funeral expenses.

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George Milich Jr.



George Milich Jr., 53, of Butler, PA passed away Friday, May 5, 2023. Born July 15, 1969, in Butler, he was a son of Bonnie (Hackett) Milich and the late George Milich Sr.

He was a member of St. Andrew Orthodox church in Lyndora. He was also a member of Sons of The American Legion Squadron 778 in Lyndora.

George was a free-spirited and fun-loving person. He enjoyed working on his many cars throughout the years and was an avid Pittsburgh sports fan. He especially loved spending time with his friends, family, children and grandchildren. Surviving are his mother, Bonnie Milich; three sons, Devin (Emily) Robinson, Robbi (Jamie) Leonard and Josh (Sami) Leonard; one daughter, Brittainy (Jarod) Augustine; grandchildren, Cade, Laikyn, Brielle, Brayden, Melina and Maddox; three brothers, Rade (Janet), Daniel (Roni) and William (Rebecca) Milich and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, George Milich Sr.; and a son, Zachery.

Friends of the family will be received from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuesday at St. Andrew Orthodox church, 201 Penn Ave., Lyndora with a funeral service following at 12 p.m.

Interment will follow at Butler County Memorial Park. Arrangements completed by the Geibel Funeral Home, 201 East Cunningham St. Butler, PA 16001.

For more information or to leave an online condolence, please visit [www.geibelfuneralhome.com](#).

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William Starnes Sr.



Gladstone, MI — William Lee "Bill" Starnes, Sr., age 79, of Gladstone, passed away on Wednesday,

May 3, 2023 at his home.

Bill was born on December 25, 1943 in Ralph, MI, son of Harvey and Ada (Fox) Starnes. He attended and graduated from Escanaba Area Schools.

Bill was drafted into the United States Army in 1967 and served in the Vietnam War. Bill received and was honored with the Purple Heart. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

On May 15, 1976, Bill was united in marriage to Mary DeCaire. She preceded him in death in 2015. Bill was a member of the Gladstone American Legion August Mattson Post 71, the Sons of the American Legion, was also active in the Marine Corps League Detachment 444 and was a life member of the Purple Heart. Bill enjoyed woodworking, hunting, and fishing throughout his life and in later years especially enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson.

Bill is survived by: Sons: William Jr. Starnes Of Gladstone, MI, William "Shane" Starnes of Muskegon, MI, Jarrod Starnes of Muskegon, MI, Kyle Starnes of Muskegon, MI Daughter: Joan (Thomas) Klein of Chicago, IL, 5 Grandchildren: Jaden, Jarrick, Kayla, Thomas and Matthew; Great Grandchildren: Aspen and Bryce, Many Nieces, Nephews and Cousins.

In addition to his Parents and Wife, Bill was preceded in death by his Brothers and Sisters.

Family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 from 2:00 until 4:00 PM at the Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone. Military Honors will be presented at 4:00 PM by the Gladstone American Legion Post 71 and the UP Funeral Honor Guard. Bill will be laid to rest in the Fernwood Cemetery.

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James Michael Smith

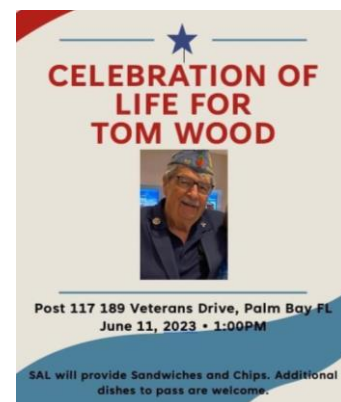
Mr. James Michael "Mike" Smith, age 71, of Rome, passed away on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at a local hospital.

Mr. Smith was born in Rome, Georgia on April 2, 1952, son of the late S. J. Smith and the late Mary Lynn Frazier Smith. He was also preceded in death by a son, Chris Smith, and by a brother, Les Smith. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the American Legion and the Sons of the Confederacy. Mr. Smith worked for several years for State Mutual.

Survivors include his wife, Glenda Faye Towe Harris Smith; a son, Jeremy Smith; stepchildren, Tammy Payne, Diane Durham, Lisa Croy, and George Harris; grandchildren, Colton Smith, Sarah Croy, Jacob Croy, and David Fain; nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 4pm at Floyd Memory Gardens. The American Legion Post #5 Honor Guard will present military honors.

Henderson & Sons Funeral Home, South Chapel, has charge of the arrangements.





FROM THE EDITOR

Last Sunday, I gave a brief report to the National Executive Committee on the Frist Annual Central Region Extravaganza. I let them know how many participants we had, and how grateful I am to all of our sponsors. I told them that CRE23 was a very successful conference, and that I have received a lot of positive feedback.

I then announced that we will be doing it again.

The Second Annual Central Region Extravaganza will be held the weekend of April 5 – 7, 2024 at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport. Registration will open in a couple of months, as will work on the agenda.

If there are topics or speakers you would like to participate in CRE24, please do not hesitate to email me.



Don't forget that the 100% goal is this week. Let's all try to be quota on or before the target date of May 17. Congratulations to the Detachments that have reached quota. Your hard work is to be commended.

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AMERICAN LEGION

'Be the One' has, and is, saving lives

May 10, 2023



American Legion National Commander Vincent J. "James" Troiola delivered the following remarks to the National Executive Committee this morning during the annual Spring Meetings in Indianapolis.

Good morning, national officers, past national commanders, members of the NEC and all of our guests, I don't like to tell stories that are not mine to tell, but we have had some undeniable success with our "Be the One" activities. While a central principle of "Be the One" is removing all stigma associated with suicide treatment, it is not our place to reveal identities or betray the confidences of people who we help. I will say unequivocally, however, that veterans in crisis have approached our "Be the One" team during INDYCAR races this year and asked for help. Naturally, we took these pleas seriously, followed-up and connected the veterans with the help that they need.

And it is not only the race team that is doing its part.

Last month, I was touring stables in Saratoga, N.Y. While there, one of the organizers briefed us about their equine therapy program for veterans and how it was assisting those in crisis. You should have seen her shocked look when I told her about a pledge from the Department of New York. In July, her equine therapy program will receive \$100,000 to be used for disabled and at-risk veterans.

It was just another example of The American Legion Being the One.

The bottom line is that [“Be the One” has and is saving lives.](#)

Now, I just spoke about veterans in crisis. But how about a nation in crisis?

I am not exaggerating here but never before has the United States defaulted on its economic debt. We do not know the full ramifications of what failure to lift the debt ceiling means, but economists of all political persuasions warn that the consequences would be dire. Further down the road will be budget negotiations. One common characteristic of every government shutdown over the last few decades is divided government. We currently have a House of Representatives controlled by one party, and the Senate and White House controlled by the other.

The possibility of another government shutdown this year is very real. The American Legion remembers very well the impact of the 2019 shutdown.

It is a false statement to say the Coast Guard was not paid.

They were.

But it was retroactive – meaning that they had to wait until the shutdown ended to receive their pay. Can you imagine the stress of serving on a cutter interdicting drug traffickers or performing search-and-rescue missions while wondering if your family would be able to pay the rent that month?

The American Legion stepped up and provided more than \$1 million of temporary financial assistance to Coast Guard families in need during the last shutdown. We told them to keep the money, but this is not a sustainable option. To date, Congress still has not passed legislation that would appropriate the Coast Guard’s payroll in advance, so they could be protected like the other branches from this uncertainty.

In the polar regions, Coast Guard icebreakers are often the sole U.S. surface presence against increasing encroachments from Russia and China.

Think about that. While politicians stubbornly fight over budgets and ideologies, our U.S. military continues to defend and protect us.

The American Legion is very much in the fight.



Let me be clear. My message to Washington is this: The American Legion will always fight for the respect owed to our military, our veterans, and their families.

It is why our National Security Commission is very much engaged with military officials and members of Congress regarding housing conditions in places like Fort Gordon, Walter Reed, and water contamination in Hawaii.

It is why we are such a strong voice on Capitol Hill and continue constant dialog with VA.

It is why Operation Comfort Warriors has held six events for wounded, injured and ill veterans in 2023, with another seven pending.

We take care of those who have taken care of our country – in good times and in bad.

In 2022, our National Emergency Fund provided 104 grants totaling nearly \$268,000. According to a report from April 21, the NEF has already provided more than \$318,000 in 2023. Hurricane season has not even started this year, so we can expect this number to go much higher.

The American Legion is not shy about pointing out areas in which the government is failing veterans and their families.

But I am also reminded of a commercial I have seen from a nonprofit organization that cares for first responders. When discussing the toll that 9/11-related illnesses have taken on rescue workers, the group’s founder said, quote, “they would do it again.”

That’s the way our veterans feel. Most would do it again, even when elected leaders fall short of addressing their needs.

Our military has been struggling with recruiting and retention. Our national security director told the *Washington Post* that veterans understand the value and benefits of military service.

He is right. It is our military service that has earned us the right to be in this room and call ourselves “Legionnaires.”

I would definitely “do it again” and I think most of you would as well.

That does not mean we are any less committed to ensuring that the quality of life for our military and their families is better than what we experienced.

Vincent “Jim” Troiola, National Commander
The American Legion



Legion to welcome Vietnam veterans home

The American Legion | May 10, 2023

The American Legion is participating this week in Welcome Home, a special event honoring Vietnam War veterans and their families 50 years after the war. Veterans of any war era, their families and civilians are encouraged to attend the event, which will be May 11 to 13 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Camp Legacy will be the hub for activity related to illustrating the service and sacrifice made by Vietnam veterans and their families. There will be formal ceremonies, interactive engagements, museum exhibits, nightly concerts at sundown and more.

American Legion representatives will be on hand to thank Vietnam veterans, answer questions and provide resources. The American Legion's INDYCAR activation display also will be on hand, complete with "[Be the One](#)" messaging.

For more information, visit www.vietnam-war50th.com.

Not sitting still earns Coastguardsman Legion Spirit of Service award

The American Legion | May 8, 2023

U.S. Coast Guard Marine Science Technician 3rd Class Mason Couch is a 2022 recipient of The American Legion's Spirit of Service award for his community service efforts. His drive to serve is from his “need to be out doing something,” he said. “I just love to do a lot of volunteer work because I hate sitting still.”

Couch led a beach cleanup last month for Earth Day at Centennial Park Beach in Port Jefferson, N.Y.

“We only have one earth and kind of feel like we're obligated to clean up and try to do our best to make sure that what we have stays nice, stays clean.”

Couch and other members from his Coast Guard unit picked up trash along the shoreline on April 19. He said he's always shocked at the amount of plastic that is on the beach, whether left there by someone or washed up on shore. “It doesn't matter where it came from as long as we can remove it from here and keep the community and environment here nice and clean,” he said.

Beach cleanup is one of the many volunteer service efforts that Couch was honored for by The American Legion. He also was recognized for removing abandoned lobster nets – he saw an ad for help needed and answered the call because “anything I could do in my free time to give back to the community that's given so much to me.”

For his volunteer efforts, Couch received The American Legion's Spirit of Service award with the other recipients on stage at the organization's 103rd national convention in Milwaukee last August. The Spirit of Service Award honors those members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have selflessly distinguished themselves over and above their normal duties predominately through community service activities and professional achievement.

“I really can't thank The American Legion enough for providing the opportunity to come out there (Milwaukee) to the convention, receive the award and receive recognition for all of the hard work for that,” Couch said. “It just made me feel like instead of the reasons why I was doing it, which was just for the community

and just expecting it to not go seen, and seeing that a lot of people really appreciated it. It really meant a lot.” With his role in the Coast Guard, Couch educates the public on the importance of keeping the waterways free of pollution and provides facility and ship inspections on the island that has hazardous liquid to ensure “all operations are done safely and making sure nothing will happen to the environment.

“My favorite part about my job is how much we are not in the office,” Couch said. “A lot of people brag to me about their jobs, but I think I’ve got them beat.”

Couch is transferring to Alaska in June with the Coast Guard. He will be a commercial fishing vessel examiner at the Marine Safety Detachment Dutch Harbor, doing dockside and walking on boats to ensure everyone on the boat is safe.

“With the Coast Guard we’re just ensuring that they’re operating safely because it’s one of the most dangerous jobs out there,” Couch said, adding that some of the vessels he will be inspecting will be from the TV show “Deadliest Catch,” “which I think is going to be a lot of fun.”

Couch doesn’t know what volunteer opportunities Alaska will provide but he hopes to “continue volunteering as much as I can. I’ll find something.”



American Legion Marketing Commission Chairman Paul Evenson provides an update on the “Be the One” program.

Hilary Ott

Legion Family members urged to raise ‘Be The One’ awareness at the start of each month

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | May 11, 2023

During Day 1 of The American Legion National Executive Committee’s Spring Meetings, the organization’s governing body approved a new method for raising

awareness of the Legion’s “Be the One” veteran suicide-prevention initiative. The NEC passed Resolution 13: Be the One Days. The resolution urges American Legion Family members and American Legion posts to – on the first of each month, starting this June – set aside that day as an opportunity to reduce the stigma around mental health issues. Legion Family members are urged to wear a “Be the One” item to signal their commitment to the initiative.

“We believe it will take a little bit of time to get this off the ground,” said American Legion Marketing Commission Chairman Paul Evenson. “But once it spreads widely across the Legion Family, it will be a great way to keep the awareness high about this important issue all year long.”

During Evenson’s remarks, Kim Meesters – Brand Strategy and Innovation Director in the Legion’s Marketing Division – shared the story of a servicemember who approached national staff during an event earlier this year and said he had contemplated suicide, at one time having a weapon in his hand to do so. He was immediately connected with an American Legion service officer.

“Not only did they quickly get him some companionship and some compassion and tell him they would help, but within 24 hours the gentleman had the appointments he needed, the right caretakers to help him (and) he had been connected with a (Legion) post,” Meesters said. “How do we measure success with (‘Be the One’)? We measure it if we save one life. It means all of this is worth it.”

In other NEC happenings:

- After [delivering opening remarks on a variety of topics](#), American Legion National Commander Vincent Troiola reflected on what had been accomplished during the week, including passage of [Resolution 1: Purchase of Multiple Years of Membership](#). “For someone new to the Legion, a three-year membership gives them time to assess whether they want to make such a commitment to our organization,” Troiola said. “I believe three years is enough time for us to win them over and keep them in our family.
- National Security Commission Chairman Matthew Shuman updated the NEC on the progress made in the creation of the Military Quality of Life’s Base Assessment and Servicemembers Experience (BASE) Program. A program pamphlet is being printed for distribution, while a guidebook is being drafted. A visit to Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia is being considered as the first visit for the

program. “The intent of this program is quite simple: to ensure our troops and their families are properly taken care of as they continue to serve our great nation,” said Shuman

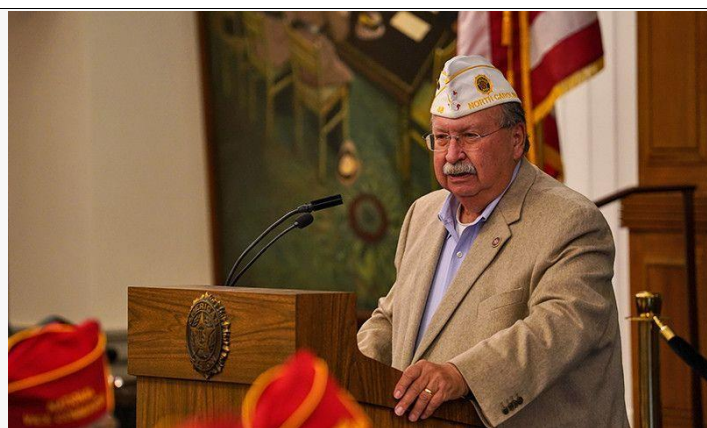
- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Commission Chairman Autrey James said the VA&R Division was in the process of completing a survey by a neutral third party on questions such as whether veterans prefer to receive their care via VA or a community provider and whether they prefer to use a doctor or nurse practitioner. James said The American Legion will conduct a press conference in June “to announce the findings and impact of those findings.
- National Americanism Commission Chairman Mark Avis announced that national staff has received a letter of intent from Hillsdale College in Michigan to host the 2024 Oratorical finals. The event will be moved to May 17-19 in order to use Hillsdale’s campus; the college will provide free room and board, and transportation, to contestants, chaperones, and volunteers. “The Americanism Commission has been looking for a venue worthy of the prestige of our Oratorical finals. Hillsdale College exceeds any expectations,” Avis said. “We share a commitment for teaching constitutional scholarship and developing great citizens of this nation.”
- Other resolutions of note passed by the NEC included No. 6: Correction of Military Records, which calls for the secretary of the Navy and Congress to update to honorable the discharges of the “Port Chicago Fifty” and the “Philadelphia Fifteen”; No. 8: Home Loan Guaranty Program Eligibility, which urges VA to include VA home loan eligibility to a veteran’s dependent child or spouse, or the surviving spouse or child; No. 12: Afghanistan War Commission, which endorses the creation and implementation of the Afghanistan War Commission; and No. 19: Protection of Veterans’ Disability & Compensation, which opposes the taxation of VA disability compensation benefits and requiring a veteran to be means tested to qualify for disability compensation. All resolutions passed during the Spring Meetings will soon be available online.
- More than \$150,000 was donated during the meetings to various American Legion programs, including [\\$100,000 from Kenneth N Dowden Wayne Post 64](#) in Indianapolis for Operation Comfort Warriors, and \$10,000 each for the Veterans & Children Foundation from the American Legion Auxiliary and leading candidate for 2023-2024 national commander Daniel Sehafer and his wife, respectively.

Legion to test out multiple-year membership plans

[Steven B. Brooks](#) | May 10, 2023

Current Legionnaires and prospective members will have the opportunity to sign up for a three-year membership under a pilot program approved May 10 by The American Legion National Executive Committee during the organization’s annual Spring Meetings in Indianapolis.

The NEC passed Resolution 1: Purchase of Multiple Years of Membership. The resolution approves “a five-year pilot program offering the purchase of three consecutive twelve-month member terms at the then current dues rate.”



Gaither Keener presents his report to the 2023 National Executive committee at Spring Meetings

The pilot program will offer, “One-year, three-year and lifetime memberships,” said American Legion Finance Commission Chairman Gaither M. Keener Jr., who chaired the Legion’s Membership Study Committee created in October of 2022. At the conclusion of the pilot program, Keener said, “It will be reassessed and brought back to the NEC for its decision ... whether to continue or discontinue, with factual information so you can make a logical decision.”

The pilot program will begin following modifications being made to the Legion’s member data system to allow for multi-year memberships.



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| # | DETACHMENT | 2023 DET. YEAR END GOAL | NEEDED TO MEET 100% TARGET 5/17/2023 | 2023 ACTUAL MBRSHIP | % OF YEAR END GOAL | 2023 RENEWAL % |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | HAWAII | 77 | -24 | 101 | 131.17% | 100.00 |
| 2 | PUERTO RICO | 123 | -29 | 152 | 123.58% | 85.95 |
| 3 | SOUTH DAKOTA | 1,362 | -198 | 1,560 | 114.54% | 89.04 |
| 4 | GEORGIA | 4,490 | -269 | 4,759 | 105.99% | 87.66 |
| 5 | MEXICO | 31 | -1 | 32 | 103.23% | 51.61 |
| 6 | OREGON | 1,414 | -40 | 1,454 | 102.83% | 79.04 |
| 7 | WEST VIRGINIA | 2,362 | -57 | 2,419 | 102.41% | 83.02 |
| 8 | FLORIDA | 21,519 | -500 | 22,019 | 102.32% | 81.80 |
| 9 | MICHIGAN | 24,271 | -463 | 24,734 | 101.91% | 87.96 |
| 10 | RHODE ISLAND | 336 | -2 | 338 | 100.60% | 85.45 |
| 11 | NEVADA | 357 | -2 | 359 | 100.56% | 75.55 |
| 12 | DELAWARE | 2,430 | -11 | 2,441 | 100.45% | 83.97 |
| 13 | VIRGINIA | 4,109 | -11 | 4,120 | 100.27% | 83.32 |
| 14 | PHILIPPINES | 70 | 0 | 70 | 100.00% | 100.00 |
| 15 | SOUTH CAROLINA | 1,473 | 0 | 1,473 | 100.00% | 83.56 |
| 16 | OKLAHOMA | 1,348 | 0 | 1,348 | 100.00% | 78.39 |
| 17 | MARYLAND | 16,058 | 31 | 16,027 | 99.81% | 88.02 |
| 18 | WISCONSIN | 4,187 | 21 | 4,166 | 99.50% | 84.27 |
| 19 | COLORADO | 2,729 | 18 | 2,711 | 99.34% | 82.45 |
| 20 | ARIZONA | 8,004 | 66 | 7,938 | 99.18% | 77.63 |
| 21 | NEW HAMPSHIRE | 5,677 | 80 | 5,597 | 98.59% | 84.91 |
| 22 | OHIO | 30,636 | 446 | 30,190 | 98.54% | 88.87 |
| 23 | FRANCE | 158 | 3 | 155 | 98.10% | 87.82 |
| 24 | CALIFORNIA | 10,714 | 293 | 10,421 | 97.27% | 79.49 |
| 25 | PENNSYLVANIA | 60,803 | 1,725 | 59,078 | 97.16% | 87.70 |
| 26 | VERMONT | 3,818 | 109 | 3,709 | 97.15% | 86.86 |
| 27 | MAINE | 2,617 | 83 | 2,534 | 96.83% | 82.94 |
| 28 | MISSISSIPPI | 722 | 25 | 697 | 96.54% | 79.26 |
| 29 | ILLINOIS | 13,398 | 500 | 12,898 | 96.27% | 85.60 |
| 30 | WASHINGTON | 2,485 | 96 | 2,389 | 96.14% | 74.31 |
| 31 | NEW YORK | 29,864 | 1,161 | 28,703 | 96.11% | 86.36 |
| 32 | IDAHO | 644 | 26 | 618 | 95.96% | 76.19 |
| 33 | LOUISIANA | 1,790 | 73 | 1,717 | 95.92% | 84.28 |
| 34 | TEXAS | 5,569 | 228 | 5,341 | 95.91% | 76.15 |
| 35 | ALASKA | 1,608 | 66 | 1,542 | 95.90% | 74.83 |
| 36 | NEW JERSEY | 9,386 | 425 | 8,961 | 95.47% | 83.60 |
| 37 | INDIANA | 36,387 | 1,656 | 34,731 | 95.45% | 85.87 |
| 38 | NEW MEXICO | 1,483 | 68 | 1,415 | 95.41% | 75.31 |
| 39 | TENNESSEE | 1,718 | 80 | 1,638 | 95.34% | 75.99 |
| 40 | KANSAS | 5,919 | 277 | 5,642 | 95.32% | 84.05 |
| 41 | MISSOURI | 3,219 | 153 | 3,066 | 95.25% | 81.17 |
| 42 | ALABAMA | 2,066 | 102 | 1,964 | 95.06% | 79.73 |
| 43 | IOWA | 4,857 | 256 | 4,601 | 94.73% | 82.74 |
| 44 | MASSACHUSETTS | 5,442 | 320 | 5,122 | 94.12% | 81.90 |
| 45 | NEBRASKA | 7,015 | 415 | 6,600 | 94.08% | 88.72 |
| 46 | CONNECTICUT | 1,867 | 111 | 1,756 | 94.05% | 82.36 |
| 47 | NORTH CAROLINA | 2,727 | 164 | 2,563 | 93.99% | 75.75 |
| 48 | NORTH DAKOTA | 1,056 | 64 | 992 | 93.94% | 81.82 |
| 49 | MONTANA | 1,108 | 72 | 1,036 | 93.50% | 85.83 |
| 50 | MINNESOTA | 11,378 | 814 | 10,564 | 92.85% | 83.73 |
| 51 | WYOMING | 1,298 | 143 | 1,155 | 88.98% | 77.25 |
| 52 | ARKANSAS | 447 | 71 | 376 | 84.12% | 69.84 |
| 53 | KENTUCKY | 2,609 | 442 | 2,167 | 83.06% | 69.27 |
| 54 | UTAH | 449 | 105 | 344 | 76.61% | 61.71 |
| 55 | DIST OF COL | 114 | 32 | 82 | 71.93% | 56.64 |
| Grand Totals: | | 367,798 | 9,213 | 358,585 | 97.50% | 84.91 |

2023 SAL REGIONAL BREAKDOWN

| WESTERN REGION - JACK A. YOUNGS (ID) | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | % of Goal |
| HAWAII | 77 | 101 | 131.17% |
| OREGON | 1,414 | 1,454 | 102.83% |
| NEVADA | 357 | 359 | 100.56% |
| PHILIPPINES | 70 | 70 | 100.00% |
| ARIZONA | 8,004 | 7,938 | 99.18% |
| CALIFORNIA | 10,714 | 10,421 | 97.27% |
| WASHINGTON | 2,485 | 2,389 | 96.14% |
| IDAHO | 644 | 618 | 95.96% |
| ALASKA | 1,608 | 1,542 | 95.90% |
| UTAH | 449 | 344 | 76.61% |
| Totals: | 25,822 | 25,236 | 97.73% |

| MIDWEST REGION - MICHAEL L. KIRSCHNER (CO) | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | % of Goal |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | 1,362 | 1,560 | 114.54% |
| MEXICO | 31 | 32 | 103.23% |
| OKLAHOMA | 1,348 | 1,348 | 100.00% |
| COLORADO | 2,729 | 2,711 | 99.34% |
| TEXAS | 5,569 | 5,341 | 95.91% |
| NEW MEXICO | 1,483 | 1,415 | 95.41% |
| KANSAS | 5,919 | 5,642 | 95.32% |
| NEBRASKA | 7,015 | 6,600 | 94.08% |
| NORTH DAKOTA | 1,056 | 992 | 93.94% |
| MONTANA | 1,108 | 1,036 | 93.50% |
| WYOMING | 1,298 | 1,155 | 88.98% |
| Totals: | 28,918 | 27,832 | 96.24% |

| CENTRAL REGION - DAVID J. MENNEL (MI) | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | % of Goal |
| MICHIGAN | 24,271 | 24,734 | 101.91% |
| WISCONSIN | 4,187 | 4,166 | 99.50% |
| OHIO | 30,636 | 30,190 | 98.54% |
| ILLINOIS | 13,398 | 12,898 | 96.27% |
| INDIANA | 36,387 | 34,731 | 95.45% |
| MISSOURI | 3,219 | 3,066 | 95.25% |
| IOWA | 4,857 | 4,601 | 94.73% |
| MINNESOTA | 11,378 | 10,564 | 92.85% |
| Totals: | 128,333 | 124,950 | 97.36% |

| EASTERN REGION - ERNEST E. LABERGE (MA) | | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | % of Goal |
| WEST VIRGINIA | 2,362 | 2,419 | 102.41% |
| RHODE ISLAND | 336 | 338 | 100.60% |
| DELAWARE | 2,430 | 2,441 | 100.45% |
| MARYLAND | 16,058 | 16,027 | 99.81% |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 5,677 | 5,597 | 98.59% |
| FRANCE | 158 | 155 | 98.10% |
| PENNSYLVANIA | 60,803 | 59,078 | 97.16% |
| VERMONT | 3,818 | 3,709 | 97.15% |
| MAINE | 2,617 | 2,534 | 96.83% |
| NEW YORK | 29,864 | 28,703 | 96.11% |
| NEW JERSEY | 9,386 | 8,961 | 95.47% |
| MASSACHUSETTS | 5,442 | 5,122 | 94.12% |
| CONNECTICUT | 1,867 | 1,756 | 94.05% |
| DIST OF COL | 114 | 82 | 71.93% |
| Totals: | 140,932 | 136,922 | 97.15% |

| SOUTHERN REGION - RONALD E. ROBERTS (MS) | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Detachment | Goal | Actual | % of Goal |
| PUERTO RICO | 123 | 152 | 123.58% |
| GEORGIA | 4,490 | 4,759 | 105.99% |
| FLORIDA | 21,519 | 22,019 | 102.32% |
| VIRGINIA | 4,109 | 4,120 | 100.27% |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | 1,473 | 1,473 | 100.00% |
| MISSISSIPPI | 722 | 697 | 96.54% |
| LOUISIANA | 1,790 | 1,717 | 95.92% |
| TENNESSEE | 1,718 | 1,638 | 95.34% |
| ALABAMA | 2,066 | 1,964 | 95.06% |
| NORTH CAROLINA | 2,727 | 2,563 | 93.99% |
| ARKANSAS | 447 | 376 | 84.12% |
| KENTUCKY | 2,609 | 2,167 | 83.06% |
| Totals: | 43,793 | 43,645 | 99.66% |



| 05/11/23 | | NATIONAL Christopher Carlton (IN), National Commander | | | | | |
|----------|---------------------------------|---|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| | Region | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Quota Date |
| 1 | Southern 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 43,793 | 43,645 | (148) | 99.66% | 116 | |
| 2 | Western 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 25,822 | 25,236 | (586) | 97.73% | 198 | |
| 3 | Central 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 128,333 | 124,950 | (3,383) | 97.36% | 190 | |
| 4 | Eastern 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 140,932 | 136,922 | (4,010) | 97.15% | 309 | |
| 5 | Midwest 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 28,918 | 27,832 | (1,086) | 96.24% | 92 | |
| | TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 367,798 | 358,585 | (9,213) | 97.50% | 905 | |

| 05/11/23 | | CENTRAL REGION David Mennell (MI), National Vice-Commander | | | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| | Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Renewal Rate | National Rank | Quota Date |
| 1 | Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 24,271 | 24,734 | 463 | 101.91% | 43 | 87.96% | 9 | 04/27/23 |
| 2 | Wisconsin 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 4,187 | 4,166 | (21) | 99.50% | 10 | 84.27% | 18 | |
| 3 | Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 30,636 | 30,190 | (446) | 98.54% | 30 | 88.87% | 22 | |
| 4 | Illinois 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 13,398 | 12,898 | (500) | 96.27% | 26 | 85.60% | 29 | |
| 5 | Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 36,387 | 34,731 | (1,656) | 95.45% | 50 | 85.87% | 37 | |
| 6 | Missouri 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 3,219 | 3,066 | (153) | 95.25% | 5 | 81.17% | 41 | |
| 7 | Iowa 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 4,857 | 4,601 | (256) | 94.73% | 22 | 82.74% | 43 | |
| 8 | Minnesota 5, 6, 7, 8 | 11,378 | 10,564 | (814) | 92.85% | 4 | 83.73% | 50 | |
| | TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 128,333 | 124,950 | (3,383) | 97.36% | 190 | | | |

| 05/11/23 | | WESTERN REGION Jack Youngs (ID) National Vice-Commander | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| | Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Renewal Rate | National Rank | Quota Date |
| 1 | Hawaii 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10 | 77 | 101 | 24 | 131.17% | 5 | 100.00% | 1 | 10/10/22 |
| 2 | Oregon 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 1,414 | 1,454 | 40 | 102.83% | 4 | 79.04% | 6 | 04/17/23 |
| 3 | Nevada 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 357 | 359 | 2 | 100.56% | - | 75.55% | 11 | 05/08/23 |
| 4 | Philippines 8, 9 | 70 | 70 | - | 100.00% | - | 100.00% | 14 | 04/10/23 |
| 5 | Arizona 5, 6, 7, 8 | 8,004 | 7,938 | (66) | 99.18% | 44 | 77.63% | 20 | |
| 6 | California 1, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 10,714 | 10,421 | (293) | 97.27% | 106 | 79.49% | 24 | |
| 7 | Washington 7, 8 | 2,485 | 2,389 | (96) | 96.14% | 28 | 74.31% | 30 | |
| 8 | Idaho 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 | 644 | 618 | (26) | 95.96% | 4 | 76.19% | 32 | |
| 9 | Alaska 3, 6, 8 | 1,608 | 1,542 | (66) | 95.90% | 7 | 74.83% | 35 | |
| 10 | Utah 5 | 449 | 344 | (105) | 76.61% | - | 61.71% | 54 | |
| | TOTALS 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 25,822 | 25,236 | (586) | 97.73% | 198 | | | |

| 05/11/23 | | SOUTHERN REGION Ron Roberts (MS), National Vice-Commander | | | | | | | |
|----------|--|---|---------------|------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| | Detachment | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Renewal Rate | National Rank | Quota Date |
| 1 | Puerto Rico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 123 | 152 | 29 | 123.58% | - | 85.95% | 2 | 03/02/23 |
| 2 | Georgia 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 4,490 | 4,759 | 269 | 105.99% | 38 | 87.66% | 4 | 04/19/23 |
| 3 | Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 21,519 | 22,019 | 500 | 102.32% | 33 | 81.80% | 8 | 04/24/23 |
| 4 | Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 4,109 | 4,120 | 11 | 100.27% | 5 | 83.32% | 13 | 05/08/23 |
| 5 | South Carolina 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 1,473 | 1,473 | - | 100.00% | 10 | 83.56% | 15 | |
| 6 | Mississippi 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | 722 | 697 | (25) | 96.54% | - | 79.26% | 28 | |
| 7 | Louisiana 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 1,790 | 1,717 | (73) | 95.92% | 14 | 84.28% | 33 | |
| 8 | Tennessee 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 | 1,718 | 1,638 | (80) | 95.34% | - | 75.99% | 39 | |
| 9 | Alabama 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 2,066 | 1,964 | (102) | 95.06% | 10 | 79.73% | 42 | |
| 10 | North Carolina 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 2,727 | 2,563 | (164) | 93.99% | 2 | 75.75% | 47 | |
| 11 | Arkansas 1 | 447 | 376 | (71) | 84.12% | 2 | 69.84% | 52 | |
| 12 | Kentucky | 2,609 | 2,167 | (442) | 83.06% | 2 | 69.27% | 53 | |
| | TOTALS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 43,793 | 43,645 | (148) | 99.66% | 116 | | | |

| 05/11/23 | | MIDWEST REGION Michael Kirschner (CO), National Vice-Commander | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|--|--------|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Detachment | | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Renewal Rate | National Rank | Quota Date |
| 1 | South Dakota 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q, 10 | 1,362 | 1,560 | 198 | 114.54% | 12 | 89.04% | 3 | 02/09/23 |
| 2 | Mexico 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 31 | 32 | 1 | 103.23% | - | 51.61% | 5 | 03/13/23 |
| 3 | Oklahoma 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 1,348 | 1,348 | - | 100.00% | 31 | 78.39% | 16 | 05/11/23 |
| 4 | Colorado 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 2,729 | 2,711 | (18) | 99.34% | 4 | 82.45% | 19 | |
| 5 | Texas 1, 3, 4, 5, 8 | 5,569 | 5,341 | (228) | 95.91% | 30 | 76.15% | 34 | |
| 6 | New Mexico 8 | 1,483 | 1,415 | (68) | 95.41% | - | 75.31% | 38 | |
| 7 | Kansas 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 5,919 | 5,642 | (277) | 95.32% | 5 | 84.05% | 40 | |
| 8 | Nebraska 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 7,015 | 6,600 | (415) | 94.08% | - | 88.72% | 45 | |
| 9 | North Dakota 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 | 1,056 | 992 | (64) | 93.94% | 7 | 81.82% | 48 | |
| 10 | Montana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 1,108 | 1,036 | (72) | 93.50% | 3 | 85.83% | 49 | |
| 11 | Wyoming 1, 4, 5, 6 | 1,298 | 1,155 | (143) | 88.98% | - | 77.25% | 51 | |
| TOTALS 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | | 28,918 | 27,832 | (1,086) | 96.24% | 80 | | | |

| 05/11/23 | | EASTERN REGION Ernie LaBerge (MA) National Vice-Commander | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---------|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Detachment | | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Renewal Rate | National Rank | Quota Date |
| 1 | West Virginia 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 2,362 | 2,419 | 57 | 102.41% | - | 83.02% | 7 | 04/17/23 |
| 2 | Rhode Island 4, 5, 7 | 336 | 338 | 2 | 100.60% | - | 85.45% | 10 | 05/08/23 |
| 3 | Delaware 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 2,430 | 2,441 | 11 | 100.45% | 6 | 83.97% | 12 | 05/08/23 |
| 4 | Maryland 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 16,058 | 16,027 | (31) | 99.81% | 106 | 88.02% | 17 | |
| 5 | New Hampshire 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 5,677 | 5,597 | (80) | 98.59% | 12 | 84.91% | 21 | |
| 6 | France 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 158 | 155 | (3) | 98.10% | - | 87.82% | 23 | |
| 7 | Pennsylvania 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 60,803 | 59,078 | (1,725) | 97.16% | 93 | 87.70% | 25 | |
| 8 | Vermont 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 3,818 | 3,709 | (109) | 97.15% | 17 | 86.86% | 26 | |
| 9 | Maine 5, 6, 7, 8 | 2,617 | 2,534 | (83) | 96.83% | 1 | 82.94% | 27 | |
| 10 | New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 29,864 | 28,703 | (1,161) | 96.11% | 43 | 86.36% | 31 | |
| 11 | New Jersey 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 9,386 | 8,961 | (425) | 95.47% | 17 | 83.60% | 36 | |
| 12 | Massachusetts 4, 6, 7, 8 | 5,442 | 5,122 | (320) | 94.12% | 8 | 81.90% | 44 | |
| 13 | Connecticut 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 1,867 | 1,756 | (111) | 94.05% | 6 | 82.36% | 46 | |
| 14 | Dist. of Columbia | 114 | 82 | (32) | 71.93% | | 56.64% | 55 | |
| TOTALS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | | 140,932 | 136,922 | (4,010) | 97.15% | 309 | | | |

| 05/11/23 | | 2023 SUPER SIX STANDINGS | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|----------|--------------|---------------|------------|
| Detachment | | Goal | Actual | Needed for Quota | Percent | Increase | Renewal Rate | National Rank | Quota Date |
| 1 | Florida 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, Q | 21,519 | 22,019 | 500 | 102.32% | 33 | 81.80% | 8 | 04/24/23 |
| 2 | Michigan 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 24,271 | 24,734 | 463 | 101.91% | 43 | 87.96% | 9 | 04/27/23 |
| 3 | Ohio 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 30,636 | 30,190 | (446) | 98.54% | 30 | 88.87% | 22 | |
| 4 | Pennsylvania 5, 6, 7, 8 | 60,803 | 59,078 | (1,725) | 97.16% | 93 | 87.70% | 25 | |
| 5 | New York 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 29,864 | 28,703 | (1,161) | 96.11% | 43 | 86.36% | 31 | |
| 6 | Indiana 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 36,387 | 34,731 | (1,656) | 95.45% | 50 | 58.87% | 37 | |
| TOTALS | | 203,480 | 199,455 | (4,025) | 98.02% | 292 | | | |

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|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-----|--------|--|--|
| National Totals 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 | 367,798 | 358,585 | (9,213) | 97.50% | 905 | 84.91% | | |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-----|--------|--|--|



Q Quota

- 1 Met 09/14/22 goal of 10%
- 2 Met 10/13/22 goal of 25%
- 3 Met 11/09/22 goal of 35%
- 4 Met 12/14/22 goal of 45%
- 5 Met 01/19/23 goal of 60%
- 6 Met 02/15/23 goal of 75%
- 7 Met 03/15/23 goal of 80%
- 8 Met 04/19/23 goal of 90%
- 9 Met 05/17/23 goal of 100%
- 10 Met 07/16/23 goal of 105%





1919 Society Pledge Commitment

DONOR INFORMATION

| | | |
|---|-------|---------------|
| Donor(s) | | |
| Address | | |
| City | State | ZIP |
| Phone | Email | |
| Are you a member of the American Legion: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | Member number |

TERMS OF PLEDGE

| |
|---|
| I am supporting the 1919 Society with a pledge total of: \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Today with a single payment <input type="checkbox"/> Over the next year, beginning on (date): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Over the next _____ years, beginning on (date): _____ Please bill me <input type="checkbox"/> Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

METHOD OF PAYMENT(S)

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|--|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check - Make checks payable to: American Legion Veterans and Children Foundation - 1919 Society | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MC <input type="checkbox"/> AmEx <input type="checkbox"/> Discover | |
| Credit Card Number | Exp. Date |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Gifts and Stock - Please contact The American Legion Office of Charitable Gifts toll free at 833-257-0955 or by email at CharitableGiving@legion.org | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |
| My/Our gift will be matched by | |
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| DETACHMENT | 2022 DONATIONS (FINAL) | 2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL) | 2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL) | 2023 DONATIONS (CURRENT) | % OF GOAL | DONATIONS PER CAPITA |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| AL - ALABAMA | \$ 2,786.00 | 2,053 | \$ 2,053.00 | \$ 1,541.00 | 75.1% | \$ 0.75 |
| AK - ALASKA | \$ 3,200.00 | 1,627 | \$ 1,627.00 | \$ 1,678.00 | 103.1% | \$ 1.03 |
| AZ - ARIZONA | \$ 12,170.00 | 8,076 | \$ 8,076.00 | \$ 15,349.00 | 190.1% | \$ 1.90 |
| AR - ARKANSAS | | 441 | \$ 441.00 | \$ 700.00 | 158.7% | \$ 1.59 |
| CA - CALIFORNIA | \$ 6,842.48 | 10,728 | \$ 10,728.00 | \$ 3,630.56 | 33.8% | \$ 0.34 |
| CO - COLORADO | \$ 23,235.00 | 2,784 | \$ 2,784.00 | \$ 21,845.20 | 784.7% | \$ 7.85 |
| CT - CONNECTICUT | \$ 1,580.82 | 1,856 | \$ 1,856.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | 59.3% | \$ 0.59 |
| DE - DELAWARE | \$ 1,950.00 | 2,433 | \$ 2,433.00 | \$ 250.00 | 10.3% | \$ 0.10 |
| DC - DIST OF COL | | 113 | \$ 113.00 | | 0.0% | \$ - |
| FL - FLORIDA | \$ 23,230.00 | 21,568 | \$ 21,568.00 | \$ 20,480.00 | 95.0% | \$ 0.95 |
| FR - FRANCE | | 156 | \$ 156.00 | \$ 100.00 | 64.1% | \$ 0.64 |
| GA - GEORGIA | \$ 11,789.00 | 4,452 | \$ 4,452.00 | \$ 1,954.00 | 43.9% | \$ 0.44 |
| HI - HAWAII | \$ 1,016.00 | 75 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 300.00 | 400.0% | \$ 4.00 |
| ID - IDAHO | \$ 1,001.00 | 645 | \$ 645.00 | \$ 200.00 | 31.0% | \$ 0.31 |
| IL - ILLINOIS | \$ 11,697.83 | 13,348 | \$ 13,348.00 | \$ 4,855.78 | 36.4% | \$ 0.36 |
| IN - INDIANA | \$ 32,645.05 | 35,836 | \$ 35,836.00 | \$ 2,125.00 | 5.9% | \$ 0.06 |
| IA - IOWA | \$ 2,300.00 | 4,836 | \$ 4,836.00 | \$ 304.00 | 6.3% | \$ 0.06 |
| KS - KANSAS | \$ 5,800.00 | 5,859 | \$ 5,859.00 | \$ 925.00 | 15.8% | \$ 0.16 |
| KY - KENTUCKY | | 2,586 | \$ 2,586.00 | | 0.0% | \$ - |
| LA - LOUISIANA | \$ 4,692.20 | 1,773 | \$ 1,773.00 | \$ 2,410.00 | 135.9% | \$ 1.36 |
| ME - MAINE | \$ 2,610.00 | 2,596 | \$ 2,596.00 | \$ 100.00 | 3.9% | \$ 0.04 |
| MD - MARYLAND | \$ 3,100.00 | 16,051 | \$ 16,051.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 6.2% | \$ 0.06 |
| MA - MASSACHUSETTS | \$ 4,011.00 | 5,500 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,811.00 | 105.7% | \$ 1.06 |
| MX - MEXICO | | 31 | \$ 31.00 | | 0.0% | \$ - |
| MI - MICHIGAN | \$ 8,688.33 | 24,311 | \$ 24,311.00 | \$ 8,222.00 | 33.8% | \$ 0.34 |
| MN - MINNESOTA | \$ 17,625.09 | 11,289 | \$ 11,289.00 | \$ 9,281.91 | 82.2% | \$ 0.82 |
| MS - MISSISSIPPI | \$ 6,476.00 | 725 | \$ 725.00 | \$ 365.00 | 50.3% | \$ 0.50 |
| MO - MISSOURI | \$ 2,332.00 | 3,197 | \$ 3,197.00 | \$ 1,103.61 | 34.5% | \$ 0.35 |
| MT - MONTANA | \$ 1,550.00 | 1,076 | \$ 1,076.00 | \$ 867.00 | 80.6% | \$ 0.81 |
| NE - NEBRASKA | \$ 7,638.00 | 6,913 | \$ 6,913.00 | \$ 5,595.00 | 80.9% | \$ 0.81 |
| NV - NEVADA | \$ 4,326.00 | 360 | \$ 360.00 | \$ 1,850.00 | 513.9% | \$ 5.14 |
| NH - NEW HAMPSHIRE | \$ 6,634.00 | 5,811 | \$ 5,811.00 | \$ 4,376.78 | 75.3% | \$ 0.75 |
| NJ - NEW JERSEY | \$ 13,902.00 | 9,364 | \$ 9,364.00 | \$ 3,765.00 | 40.2% | \$ 0.40 |
| NM - NEW MEXICO | \$ 200.00 | 1,504 | \$ 1,504.00 | \$ 5,400.00 | 359.0% | \$ 3.59 |
| NY - NEW YORK | \$ 4,620.00 | 29,905 | \$ 29,905.00 | \$ 11,681.00 | 39.1% | \$ 0.39 |
| NC - NORTH CAROLINA | \$ 5,921.00 | 2,698 | \$ 2,698.00 | \$ 4,831.75 | 179.1% | \$ 1.79 |
| ND - NORTH DAKOTA | | 1,051 | \$ 1,051.00 | | 0.0% | \$ - |
| OH - OHIO | \$ 6,646.25 | 30,144 | \$ 30,144.00 | \$ 9,782.80 | 32.5% | \$ 0.32 |
| OK - OKLAHOMA | | 1,343 | \$ 1,343.00 | | 0.0% | \$ - |
| OR - OREGON | \$ 8,214.33 | 1,428 | \$ 1,428.00 | \$ 2,087.00 | 146.1% | \$ 1.46 |
| PA - PENNSYLVANIA | \$ 38,798.86 | 60,612 | \$ 60,612.00 | \$ 21,424.44 | 35.3% | \$ 0.35 |
| PI - PHILIPPINES | \$ 350.00 | 67 | \$ 67.00 | \$ 75.00 | 111.9% | \$ 1.12 |
| PR - PUERTO RICO | \$ 263.00 | 121 | \$ 121.00 | \$ 185.00 | 152.9% | \$ 1.53 |
| RI - RHODE ISLAND | \$ 350.00 | 330 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 100.00 | 30.3% | \$ 0.30 |
| SC - SOUTH CAROLINA | \$ 4,106.00 | 1,485 | \$ 1,485.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | 235.7% | \$ 2.36 |
| SD - SOUTH DAKOTA | \$ 1,447.81 | 1,360 | \$ 1,360.00 | \$ 1,451.85 | 106.8% | \$ 1.07 |
| TN - TENNESSEE | \$ 2,985.00 | 1,683 | \$ 1,683.00 | \$ 1,693.44 | 100.6% | \$ 1.01 |
| TX - TEXAS | \$ 17,953.97 | 5,584 | \$ 5,584.00 | \$ 14,410.39 | 258.1% | \$ 2.58 |
| UT - UTAH | \$ 185.00 | 442 | \$ 442.00 | \$ 475.00 | 107.5% | \$ 1.07 |
| VT - VERMONT | \$ 8,875.23 | 3,830 | \$ 3,830.00 | \$ 1,950.00 | 50.9% | \$ 0.51 |
| VA - VIRGINIA | \$ 6,532.00 | 4,079 | \$ 4,079.00 | \$ 16,577.00 | 406.4% | \$ 4.06 |
| WA - WASHINGTON | \$ 1,480.00 | 2,504 | \$ 2,504.00 | \$ 2,175.00 | 86.9% | \$ 0.87 |
| WV - WEST VIRGINIA | \$ 4,900.00 | 2,404 | \$ 2,404.00 | \$ 3,227.25 | 134.2% | \$ 1.34 |
| WI - WISCONSIN | \$ 707.00 | 4,173 | \$ 4,173.00 | \$ 717.00 | 17.2% | \$ 0.17 |
| WY - WYOMING | \$ 6,250.00 | 1,295 | \$ 1,295.00 | \$ 4,028.00 | 311.0% | \$ 3.11 |
| NATIONAL HQ | \$ 4,176.00 | | \$ - | \$ 4,674.91 | | |
| GRAND TOTALS: | \$ 349,789.25 | 366,511 | \$ 366,511.00 | \$ 232,531.67 | 63.4% | \$ 0.63 |

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CHILD WELFARE FOUNDATION (CWF) - DONATIONS BY REGION

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| DETACHMENT | 2022 DONATIONS (FINAL) | 2022 MEMBERSHIP (FINAL) | 2023 CWF GOAL (FINAL) | 2023 DONATIONS (CURRENT) | % OF GOAL | DONATIONS PER CAPITA |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| EASTERN REGION | | | | | | |
| CONNECTICUT | \$ 1,580.82 | 1,856 | \$ 1,856.00 | \$ 1,100.00 | 59.3% | \$ 0.59 |
| DELAWARE | \$ 1,950.00 | 2,433 | \$ 2,433.00 | \$ 250.00 | 10.3% | \$ 0.10 |
| DIST OF COL | \$ - | 113 | \$ 113.00 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - |
| FRANCE | \$ - | 156 | \$ 156.00 | \$ 100.00 | 64.1% | \$ 0.64 |
| MAINE | \$ 2,610.00 | 2,596 | \$ 2,596.00 | \$ 100.00 | 3.9% | \$ 0.04 |
| MARYLAND | \$ 3,100.00 | 16,051 | \$ 16,051.00 | \$ 1,000.00 | 6.2% | \$ 0.06 |
| MASSACHUSETTS | \$ 4,011.00 | 5,500 | \$ 5,500.00 | \$ 5,811.00 | 105.7% | \$ 1.06 |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | \$ 6,634.00 | 5,811 | \$ 5,811.00 | \$ 4,376.78 | 75.3% | \$ 0.75 |
| NEW JERSEY | \$ 13,902.00 | 9,364 | \$ 9,364.00 | \$ 3,765.00 | 40.2% | \$ 0.40 |
| NEW YORK | \$ 4,620.00 | 29,905 | \$ 29,905.00 | \$ 11,681.00 | 39.1% | \$ 0.39 |
| PENNSYLVANIA | \$ 38,798.86 | 60,612 | \$ 60,612.00 | \$ 21,424.44 | 35.3% | \$ 0.35 |
| RHODE ISLAND | \$ 350.00 | 330 | \$ 330.00 | \$ 100.00 | 30.3% | \$ 0.30 |
| VERMONT | \$ 8,875.23 | 3,830 | \$ 3,830.00 | \$ 1,950.00 | 50.9% | \$ 0.51 |
| WEST VIRGINIA | \$ 4,900.00 | 2,404 | \$ 2,404.00 | \$ 3,227.25 | 134.2% | \$ 1.34 |
| Total: | \$ 91,331.91 | 140,961 | \$ 140,961.00 | \$ 54,885.47 | 38.9% | \$ 0.39 |

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| CENTRAL REGION | | | | | | |
| ILLINOIS | \$ 11,897.83 | 13,348 | \$ 13,348.00 | \$ 4,855.78 | 36.4% | \$ 0.36 |
| INDIANA | \$ 32,645.05 | 35,836 | \$ 35,836.00 | \$ 2,125.00 | 5.9% | \$ 0.06 |
| IOWA | \$ 2,300.00 | 4,836 | \$ 4,836.00 | \$ 304.00 | 6.3% | \$ 0.06 |
| MICHIGAN | \$ 8,688.33 | 24,311 | \$ 24,311.00 | \$ 8,222.00 | 33.8% | \$ 0.34 |
| MINNESOTA | \$ 17,625.09 | 11,289 | \$ 11,289.00 | \$ 9,281.91 | 82.2% | \$ 0.82 |
| MISSOURI | \$ 2,332.00 | 3,197 | \$ 3,197.00 | \$ 1,103.61 | 34.5% | \$ 0.35 |
| OHIO | \$ 6,646.25 | 30,144 | \$ 30,144.00 | \$ 9,782.80 | 32.5% | \$ 0.32 |
| WISCONSIN | \$ 707.00 | 4,173 | \$ 4,173.00 | \$ 717.00 | 17.2% | \$ 0.17 |
| Total: | \$ 82,641.55 | 127,134 | \$ 127,134.00 | \$ 36,392.10 | 28.6% | \$ 0.29 |

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| WESTERN REGION | | | | | | |
| ALASKA | \$ 3,200.00 | 1,627 | \$ 1,627.00 | \$ 1,678.00 | 103.1% | \$ 1.03 |
| ARIZONA | \$ 12,170.00 | 8,076 | \$ 8,076.00 | \$ 15,349.00 | 190.1% | \$ 1.90 |
| CALIFORNIA | \$ 6,842.48 | 10,728 | \$ 10,728.00 | \$ 3,630.56 | 33.8% | \$ 0.34 |
| HAWAII | \$ 1,016.00 | 75 | \$ 75.00 | \$ 300.00 | 400.0% | \$ 4.00 |
| IDAHO | \$ 1,001.00 | 645 | \$ 645.00 | \$ 200.00 | 31.0% | \$ 0.31 |
| NEVADA | \$ 4,326.00 | 360 | \$ 360.00 | \$ 1,850.00 | 513.9% | \$ 5.14 |
| OREGON | \$ 8,214.33 | 1,428 | \$ 1,428.00 | \$ 2,087.00 | 146.1% | \$ 1.46 |
| PHILIPPINES | \$ 350.00 | 67 | \$ 67.00 | \$ 75.00 | 0.0% | \$ 1.12 |
| UTAH | \$ 185.00 | 442 | \$ 442.00 | \$ 475.00 | 107.5% | \$ 1.07 |
| WASHINGTON | \$ 1,480.00 | 2,504 | \$ 2,504.00 | \$ 2,175.00 | 86.9% | \$ 0.87 |
| Total: | \$ 38,784.81 | 25,952 | \$ 25,952.00 | \$ 27,819.56 | ### | \$ 1.07 |

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| SOUTHERN REGION | | | | | | |
| ALABAMA | \$ 2,786.00 | 2,053 | \$ 2,053.00 | \$ 1,541.00 | 75.1% | \$ 0.75 |
| ARKANSAS | \$ - | 441 | \$ 441.00 | \$ 700.00 | 158.7% | \$ 1.59 |
| FLORIDA | \$ 23,230.00 | 21,568 | \$ 21,568.00 | \$ 20,480.00 | 95.0% | \$ 0.95 |
| GEORGIA | \$ 11,789.00 | 4,452 | \$ 4,452.00 | \$ 1,954.00 | 43.9% | \$ 0.44 |
| KENTUCKY | \$ - | 2,596 | \$ 2,596.00 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - |
| LOUISIANA | \$ 4,692.20 | 1,773 | \$ 1,773.00 | \$ 2,410.00 | 135.9% | \$ 1.36 |
| MISSISSIPPI | \$ 6,476.00 | 725 | \$ 725.00 | \$ 365.00 | 50.3% | \$ 0.50 |
| NORTH CAROLINA | \$ 5,921.00 | 2,698 | \$ 2,698.00 | \$ 4,831.75 | 179.1% | \$ 1.79 |
| PUERTO RICO | \$ 263.00 | 121 | \$ 121.00 | \$ 185.00 | 152.9% | \$ 1.53 |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | \$ 4,106.00 | 1,485 | \$ 1,485.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | 235.7% | \$ 2.36 |
| TENNESSEE | \$ 2,985.00 | 1,683 | \$ 1,683.00 | \$ 1,693.44 | 100.6% | \$ 1.01 |
| VIRGINIA | \$ 6,532.00 | 4,079 | \$ 4,079.00 | \$ 16,577.00 | 406.4% | \$ 4.06 |
| Total: | \$ 68,780.20 | 43,664 | \$ 43,664.00 | \$ 54,237.19 | 124.2% | \$ 1.24 |

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| MIDWEST REGION | | | | | | |
| COLORADO | \$ 23,235.00 | 2,784 | \$ 2,784.00 | \$ 21,845.20 | 784.7% | \$ 7.85 |
| KANSAS | \$ 5,800.00 | 5,859 | \$ 5,859.00 | \$ 925.00 | 15.8% | \$ 0.16 |
| MEXICO | \$ - | 31 | \$ 31.00 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - |
| MONTANA | \$ 1,550.00 | 1,078 | \$ 1,078.00 | \$ 867.00 | 80.6% | \$ 0.81 |
| NEBRASKA | \$ 7,638.00 | 6,913 | \$ 6,913.00 | \$ 5,595.00 | 80.9% | \$ 0.81 |
| NEW MEXICO | \$ 200.00 | 1,504 | \$ 1,504.00 | \$ 5,400.00 | 359.0% | \$ 3.59 |
| NORTH DAKOTA | \$ - | 1,051 | \$ 1,051.00 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - |
| OKLAHOMA | \$ - | 1,343 | \$ 1,343.00 | \$ - | 0.0% | \$ - |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | \$ 1,447.81 | 1,360 | \$ 1,360.00 | \$ 1,451.85 | 106.8% | \$ 1.07 |
| TEXAS | \$ 17,953.97 | 5,584 | \$ 5,584.00 | \$ 14,410.39 | 258.1% | \$ 2.58 |
| WYOMING | \$ 6,250.00 | 1,295 | \$ 1,295.00 | \$ 4,028.00 | 311.0% | \$ 3.11 |
| Total: | \$ 64,074.78 | 28,800 | \$ 28,800.00 | \$ 54,522.44 | 189.3% | \$ 1.89 |

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